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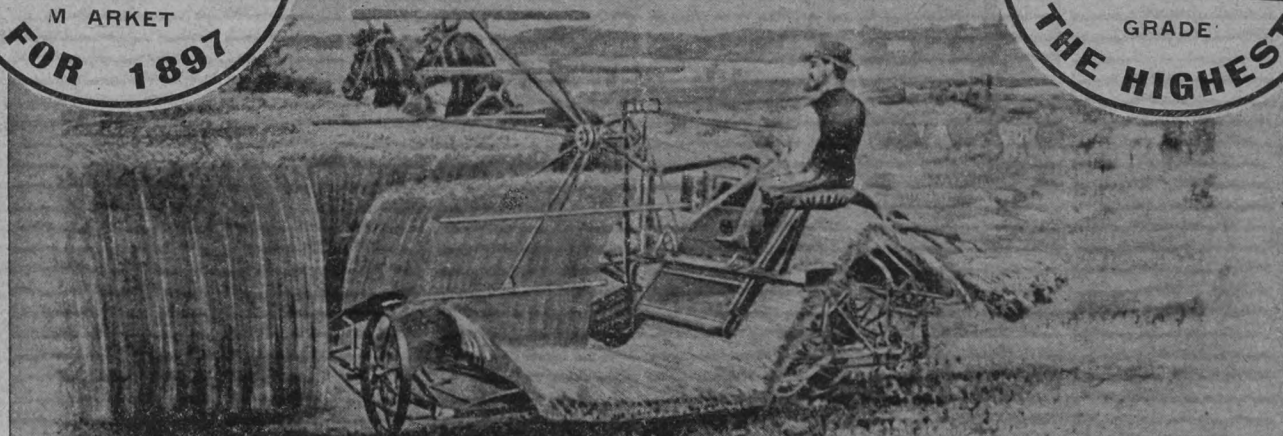
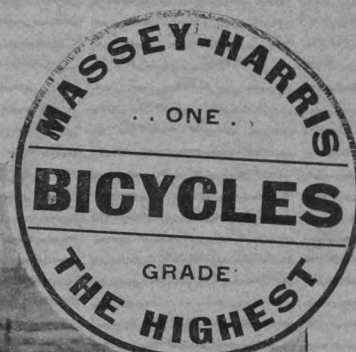
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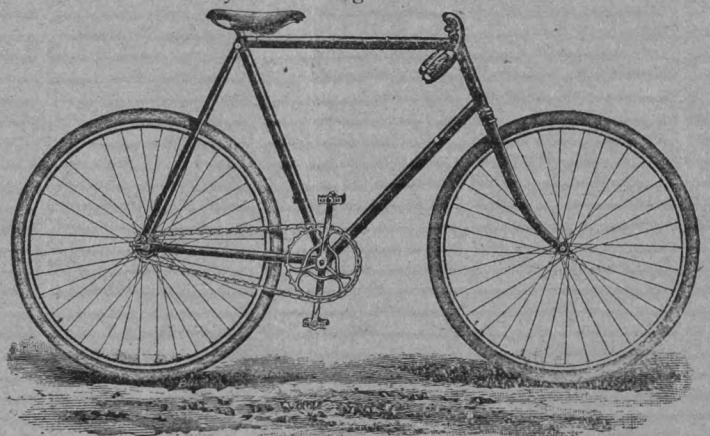
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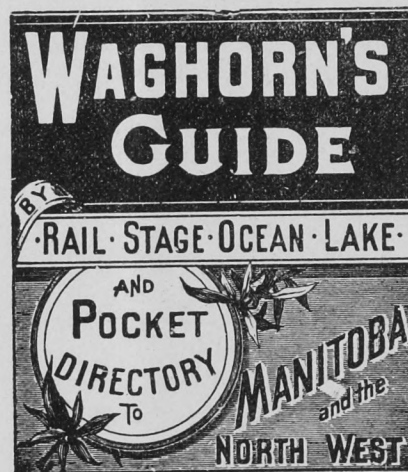
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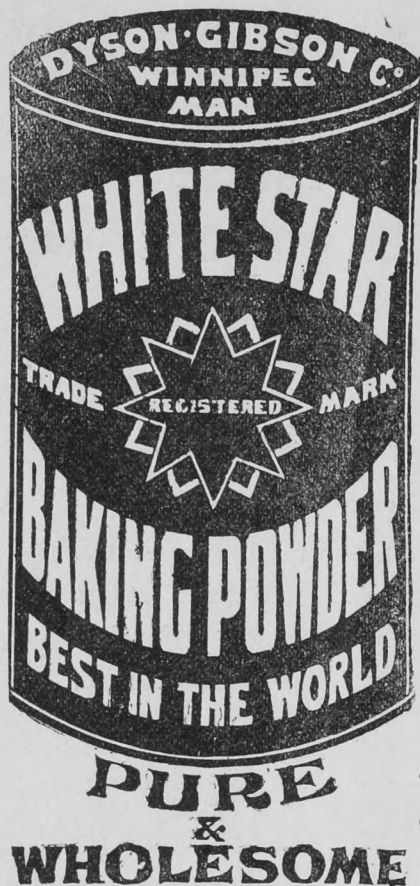
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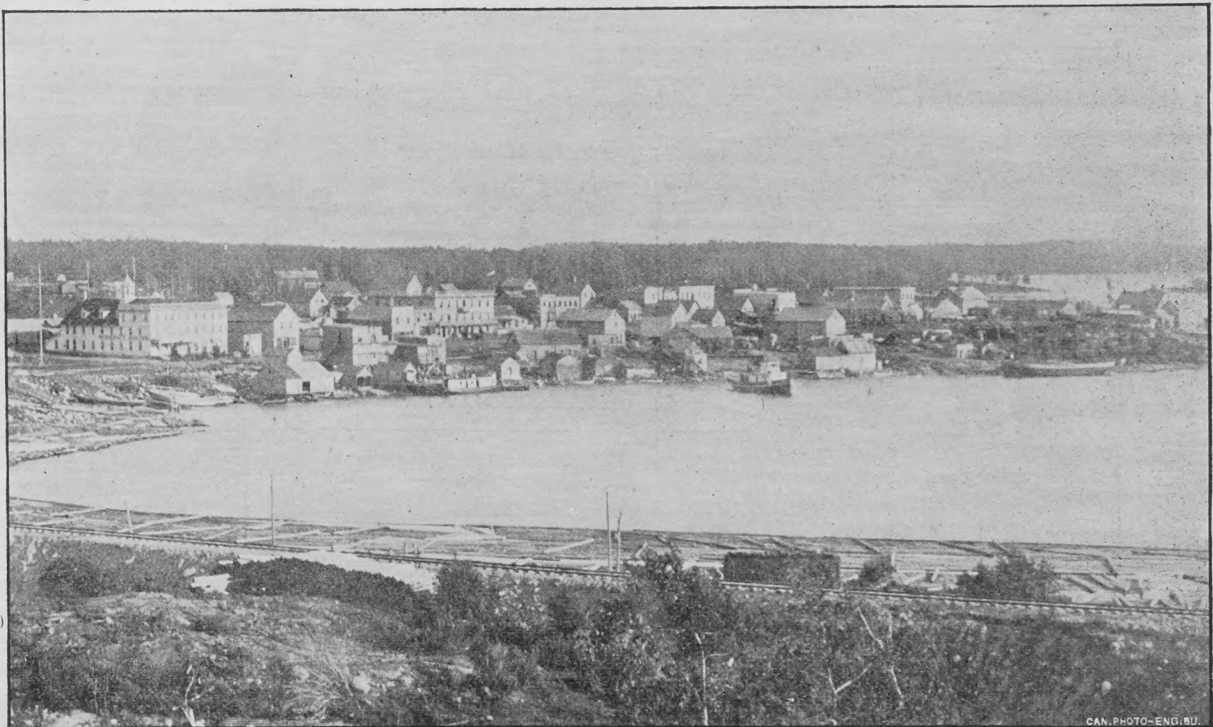
WINNIPEG AND RAT PORTAGE, MAY, 1897.

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RAT PORTAGE

THE directors of the Rat Portage Mining Exchange have issued invitations for a mining convention to be held in that town on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. A large number of acceptances have already been received; and, as the C.P.R. people are co-operating by offering special rates, there is no doubt that a large and representative gathering of mining men will be the result. At the convention the subjects that will be discussed will include every branch of practical mining, and the treatment of ores, as well as the

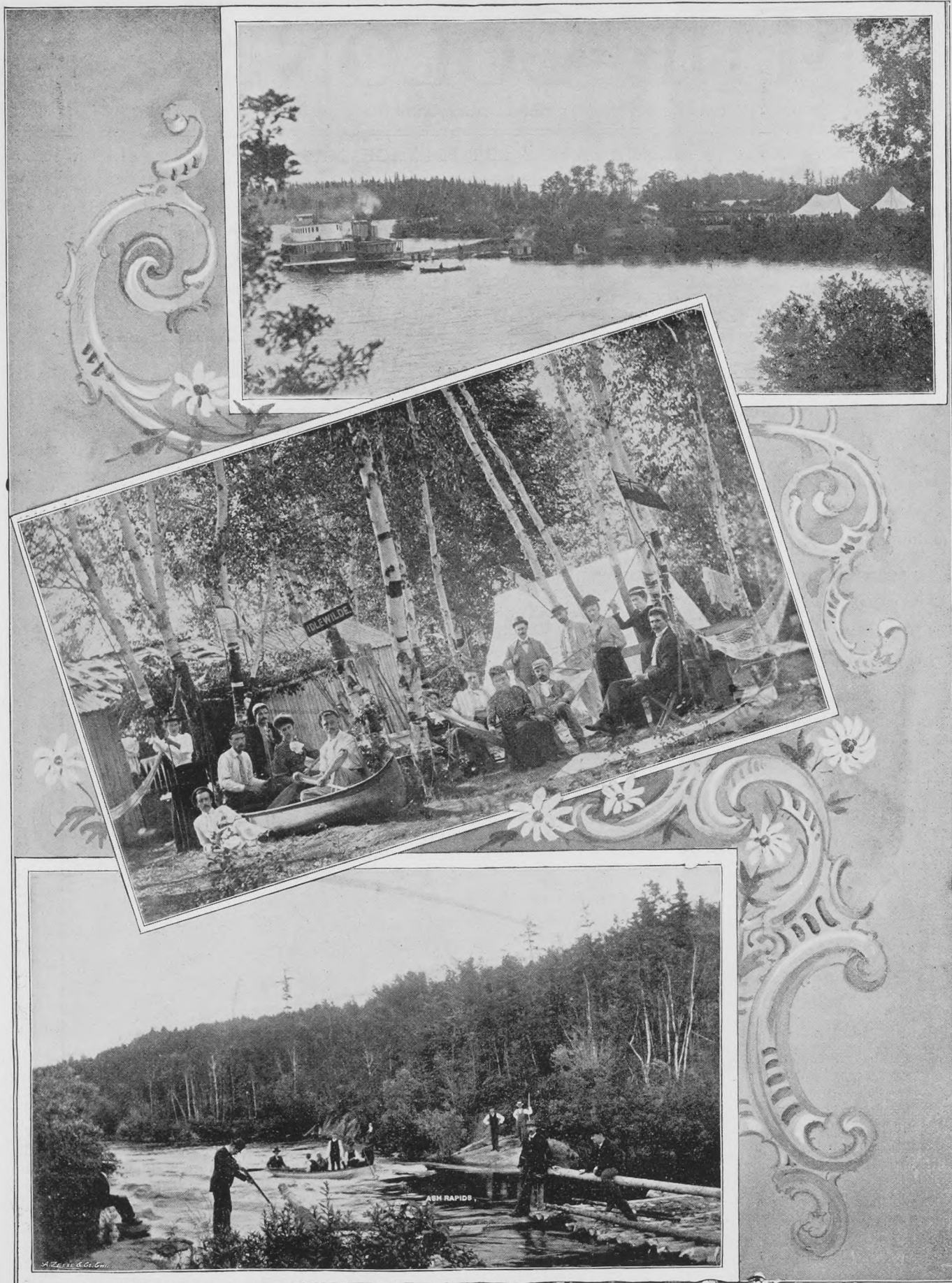
Ontario. THE COLONIST has from the first maintained that there is nothing that will accelerate the progress of the whole of Western Canada, including agricultural Manitoba, so much as a gold mining boom in Algoma. Quite apart from the material advantages that will accrue to Manitoba and the Territories from the formation at their very gates of a magnificent cash market, the attention of the world will some day be attracted towards Western Canada with a degree of interest that would never be bestowed upon a purely



GENERAL VIEW OF RAT PORTAGE

measures that are best calculated to promote the development of the industry in this particular gold field. Arrangements will be made to afford visitors the opportunity of inspecting the working mines in the district, and to enjoy the scenic charms of the Lake and its vicinity. Not only the citizens of Rat Portage, or those interested in mining, but everyone who has the advancement of Western Canada at heart should desire the success of this important opportunity for the advertising of the mineral resources of Western

agricultural country. THE COLONIST has before now drawn a comparison between the situation here, and that in South Africa. Every man, woman and almost every child in Great Britain is familiar with the geography, the resources, and the advantages of South Africa. An enterprise coming from there can—or could, until recent disappointments somewhat chilled the unwarrantable enthusiasm—be placed upon the London market and be sure of popular support. The people of England, including the highest in rank and



SCENES ON THE BEAUTIFUL LAKE OF THE WOODS

the wealthiest in means, were anxious to participate in the supposed wealth of this much talked of El Dorado. The newspapers, the magazines and the reviews were full of news of South Africa and South African topics. One could—indeed, still can—take up even such a distinctly colonial journal as *The Colonies and India*, and for every paragraph relating to Canada one will find a score on South Africa. Even such an arid desert, and bitter disappointment, as Western Australia occupies ten times the attention that does Western Canada. And why? Simply on account of the magic word “gold.” All ears are attracted by the sweet jingle of the king of minerals. You may talk about your thousand-acre wheat fields, or your herds and flocks, till your tongue aches, but you will not attract a tithe of the attention or interest that the single word “gold” will ensure you. Western Canada has been shipping for years millions of bushels of the very finest wheat in the world to the British market, and she may continue to do so for a century, and no one but the miller and the baker will be any the wiser, or think anything at all about it; but let her just begin to send to the mint a regular supply—even a comparatively small one—of the coveted yellow metal, and her name will be in the mouths of everyone, she will be looked at through rosy-hued spectacles, her reputation as a field for investment, or a land to emigrate to, will go up a hundred per cent. To return to the comparison with South Africa—supposing that on the boundaries of the Rand there had been an inexhaustibly fertile province, in a genial climate, and under good government, with millions of acres of free or cheap land that requires only to be tickled with the plough to make it laugh with productiveness, would that land now be going begging for want of someone to settle on it? Surely not; and if any part of Canada will benefit more than another by a gold mining boom in Western Ontario, it will be Manitoba and the North-West Territories. THE COLONIST has long taken this position; and it is gratifying to us to note that as eminent an authority as Premier Laurier himself supports our doctrine. His views on this subject have been expressed by him in the following words: “Even with manifold advantages we have lacked a magnet—a ‘boom,’ which would send people hither as they were sent to Australia and South Africa. And now I think we have found the magnet. The magnet I refer to is gold. It is the most powerful factor in

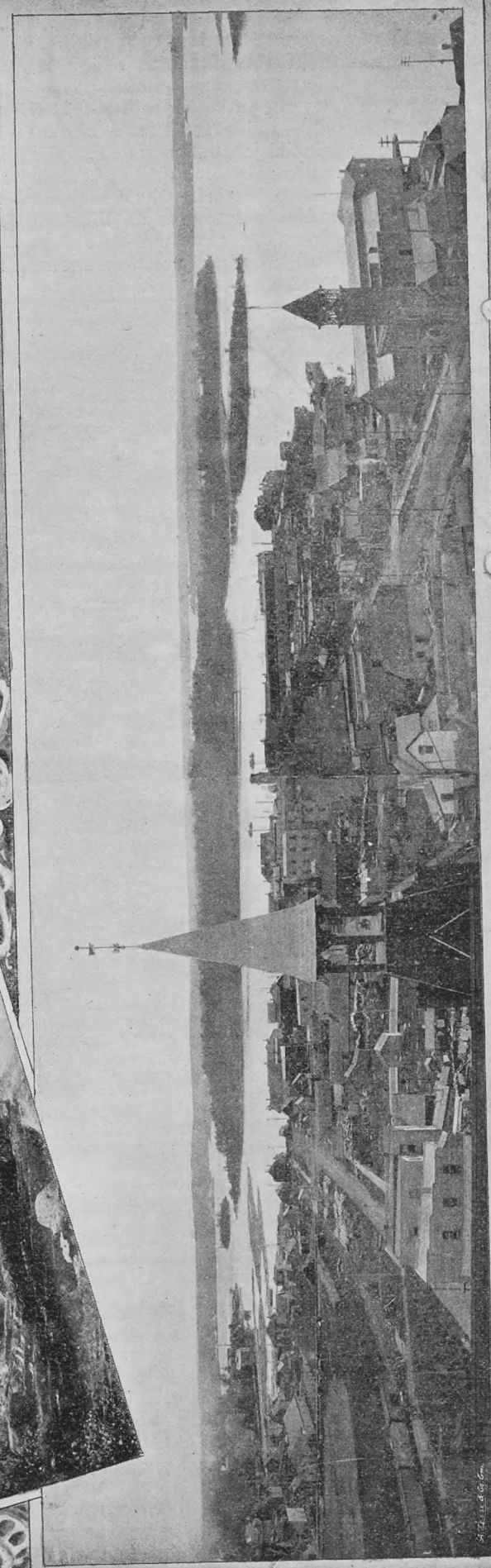
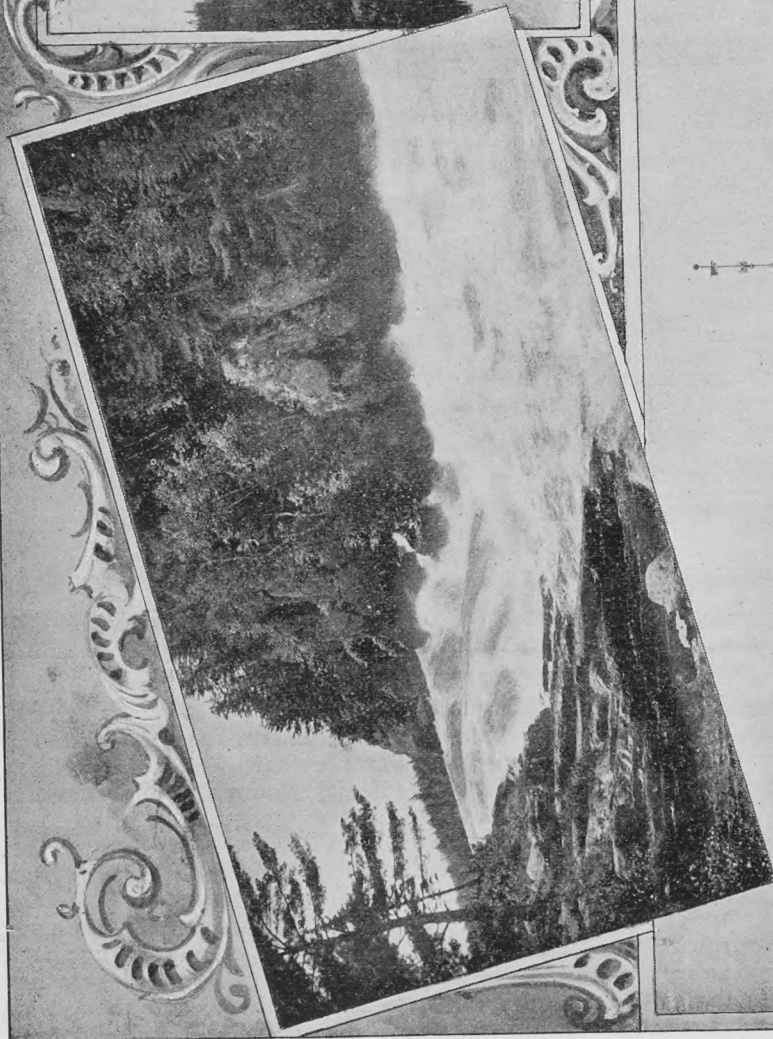
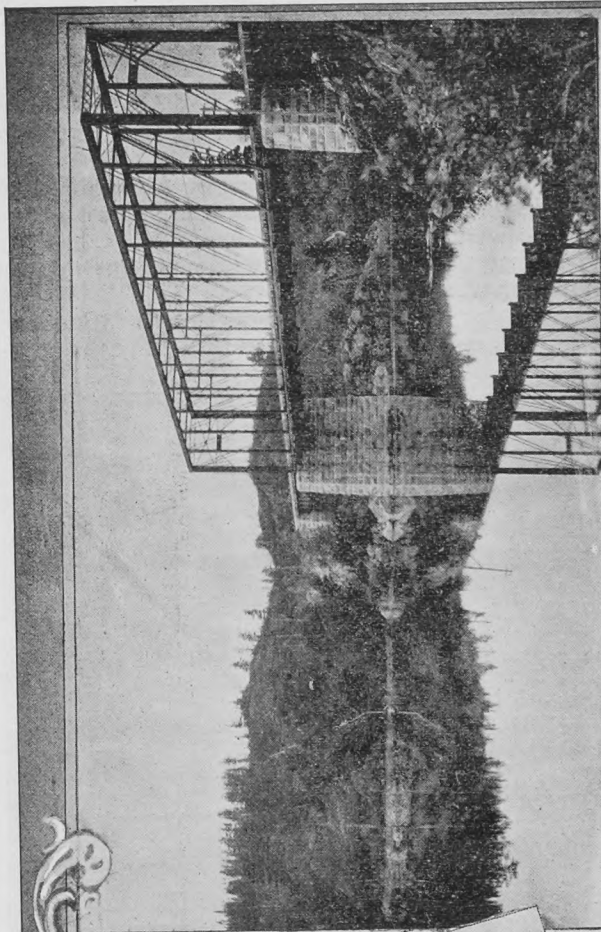
immigration. It brings farmers, as well as miners, artisans and professors; and one has only to travel through the Northwest to feel that the future settlement of that part of Canada is assured.” Therefore, let us all, Manitobans, Assiniboians, Albertans, and every Western Canadian, hope for the success of the Mining Convention at Rat Portage, which is calculated to do a great deal to attract attention to the mineral resources of Western Ontario.

The occasion has appeared to us to be a fitting one for compiling as complete a souvenir of Rat Portage as



STAMPING ORE AT LITTLE AMERICAN MINE, RAINY LAKE

was within our means. The series of views which are collected in this number will give the many strangers who will visit Rat Portage a fairly adequate souvenir of the town and its vicinity, and will furnish residents with a means of representing graphically to people abroad, who have not yet had the opportunity of seeing it, what Rat Portage and the Lake of the Woods are like. This number of THE COLONIST, together with our map of the district, will, we trust, be found a very useful guide to the district. We are now engaged in adding to the map all the mining locations that have been surveyed up to a recent date, and though this



THE FIRST FALL, FROM THE LAKE TO WINNIPEG RIVER.
TOWN OF RAT PORTAGE

C. P. R. RAILWAY BRIDGE, RAT PORTAGE

will probably not be completed in time to go out with this number, we hope to have the issue printed in time for distribution at the convention. The work entails a considerable amount of labor, but if we are not disappointed in our present expectation, the visitors to the convention will be enabled to take home with them this fairly representative souvenir of Rat

Year.	Population.	Assessment.
1891	2,205	\$ 807,410
1892	2,287	856,625
1893	2,774	917,260
1894	3,184	941,045
1895	2,969	1,190,096
1896	4,000	1,283,970

The returns were not quite complete for the present



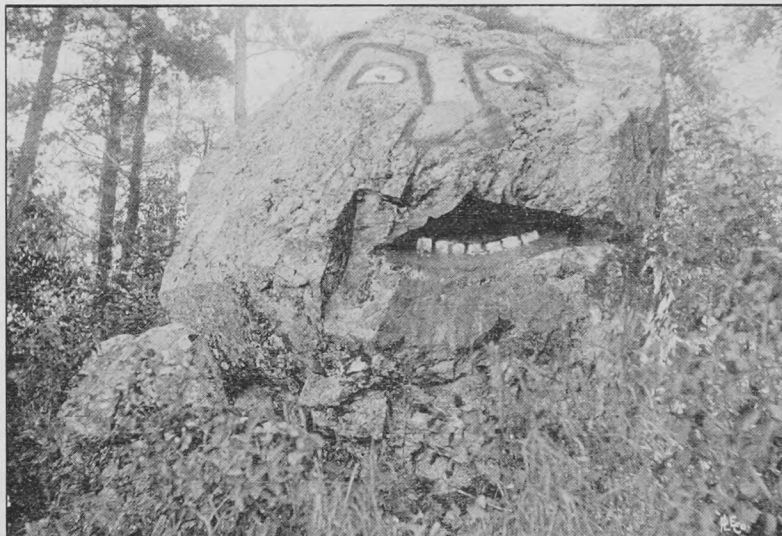
DEVIL'S GAP, RAT PORTAGE

Portage, as well as a map of the Lake of the Woods showing all the mining locations that have been registered up to as nearly the present date as possible.

So much has been written about the mines and prospects in the district in former issues of the Colonist that we shall not attempt anything more in this num-

ber, when we went to press, but from the nearly completed figures, it is safe to estimate the present population at as much as 5,000, and the assessment is certain to reach fully a million and a half dollars.

The west ward of Rat Portage is called Norman, distant about two miles from the centre of the town, and well worthy of a visit, if for no other reason, on

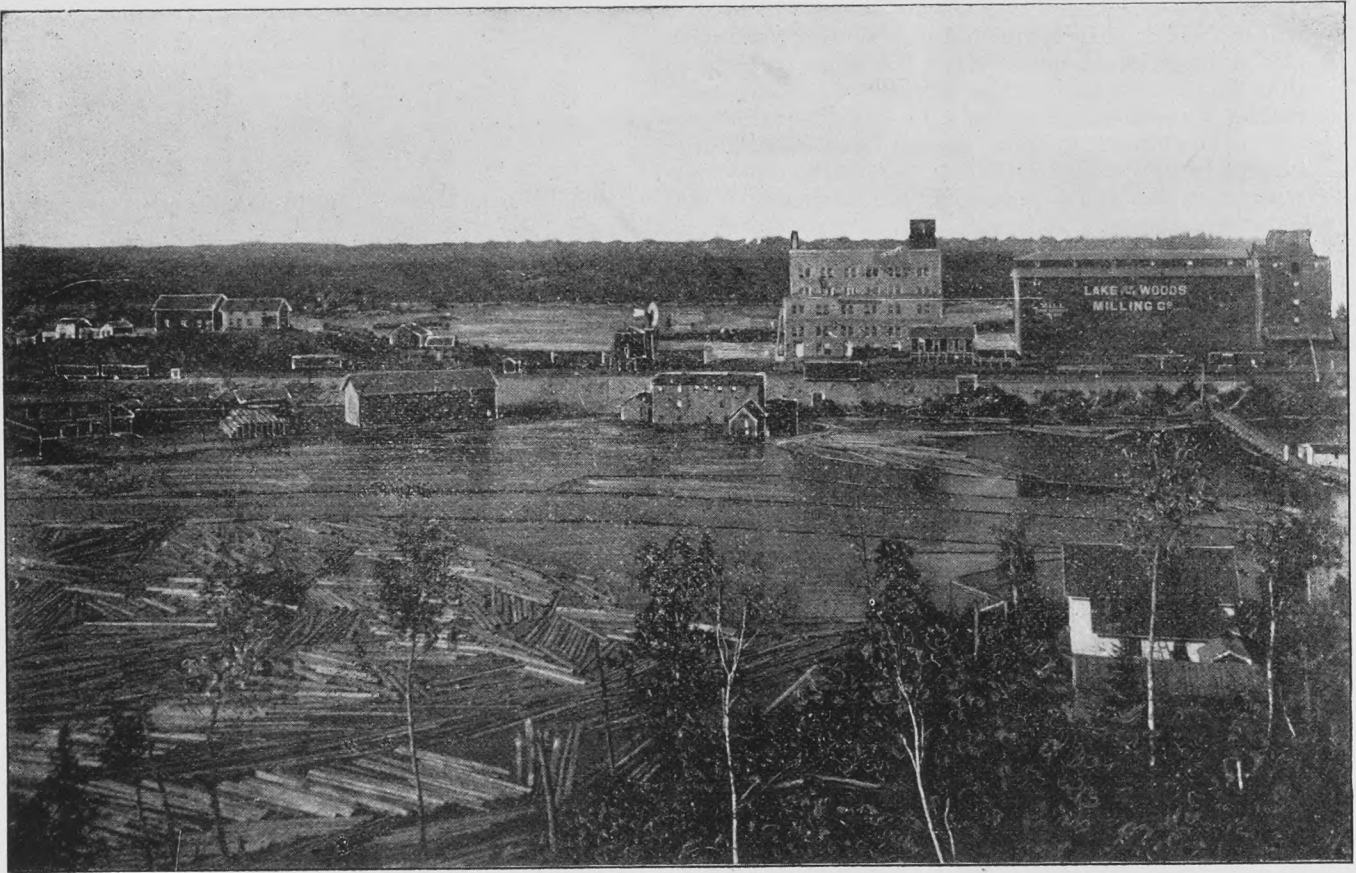


THE DEVIL'S HEAD, DEVILS GAP, RAT PORTAGE.

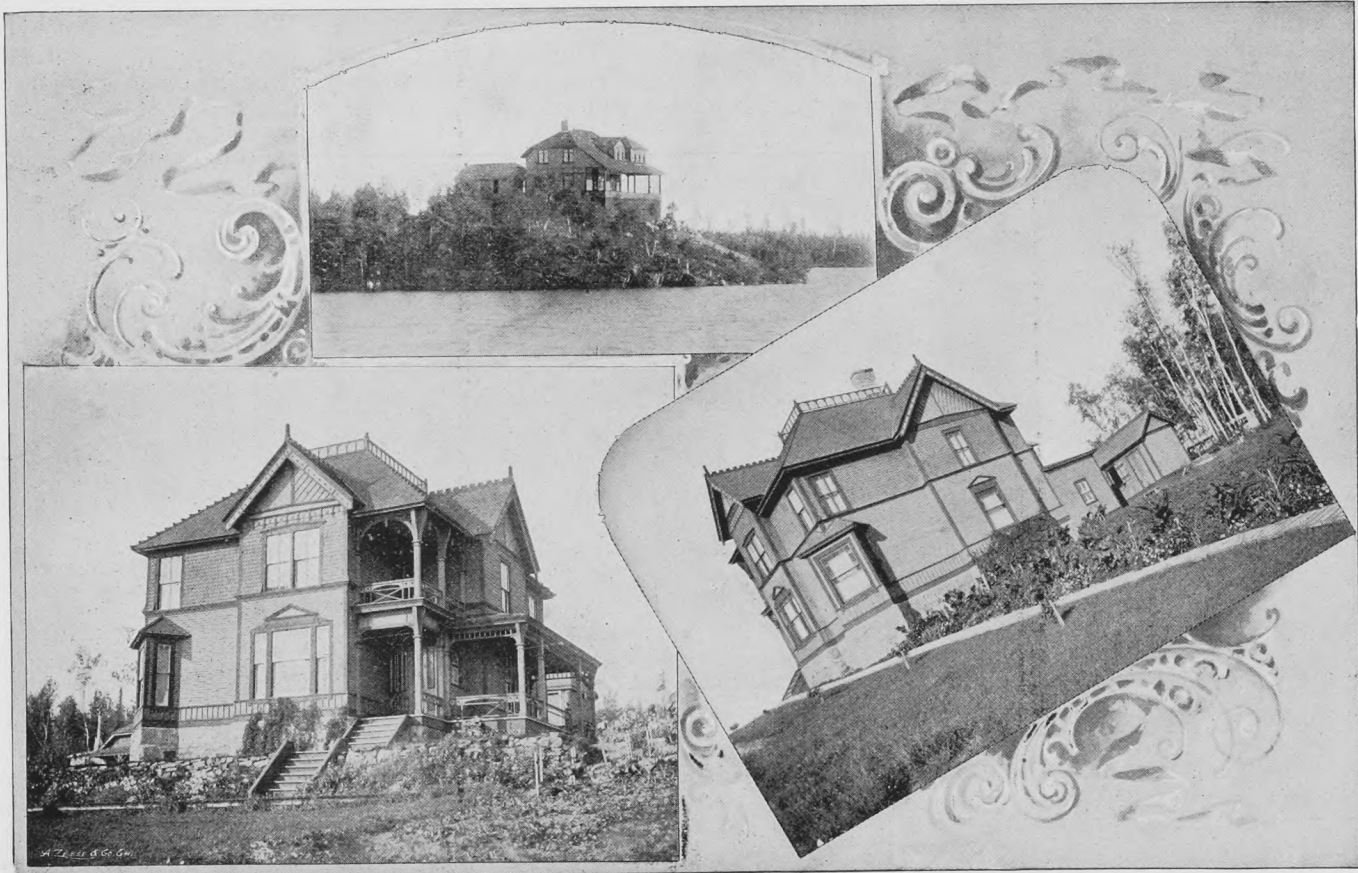
ber than a brief review of the degree of progress that has already taken place.

As the visitor will see for himself, the town of Rat Portage is a bustling place with palpable evidences on every hand of rapid growth. The following table of population and assessment, since incorporation will show the extent of that growth:

account of the great dam of the Keewatin Power Company, of which a view will be found in these pages. A mile and a half west of Norman is Keewatin, a thriving village, which everyone will want to see on account of the great flouring mills of the Keewatin Milling Company, and in order to inspect the work that is now under way in the erection of the largest reduc-



VIEW OF KEEWATIN



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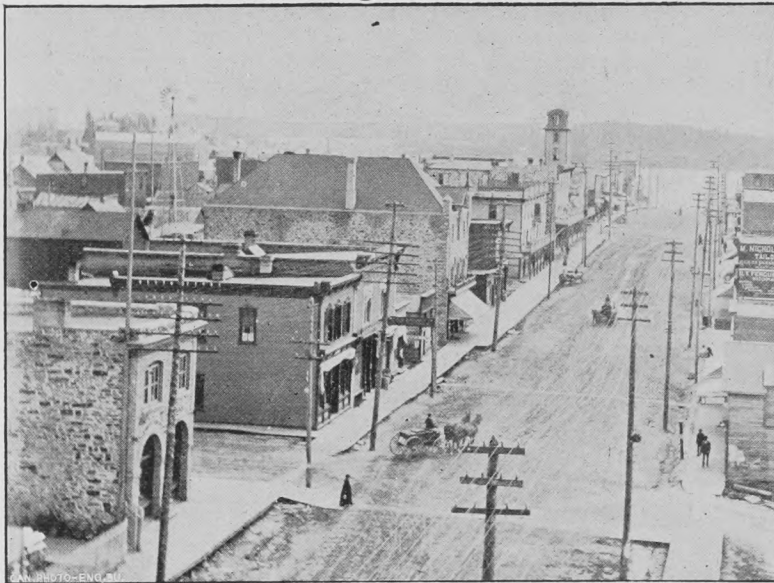
SUMMER RESIDENCE OF JOHN MATHER

RESIDENCE OF D. L. MATHER

tion works yet contemplated anywhere in Ontario.

Of the mines that are under development, the most famous, and the one that everyone will be most anxious to see, is the Sultana, about which so much has already been written and said. Unfortunately, this

at least four times the rate of the former mill. Mining on the property is now so far developed that enough ore is blocked out, and ready for stoping, to keep the 40-stamp mill running for two years, and the main shaft, which is now down 365 feet, will not be



MAIN STREET, RAT PORTAGE

great property will not be in a very favorable condition for inspection, as it is now being completely re-organized. The old ten-stamp mill, which has hitherto been in operation, is being replaced by a new mill to contain thirty new additional stamps. It is uncertain

increased in depth until next winter. In the meantime, the hoisting capacity will be increased to correspond with the greater milling capacity. In a few weeks' time the Sultana will be a very much greater producer than it has been hitherto; and at length Rat



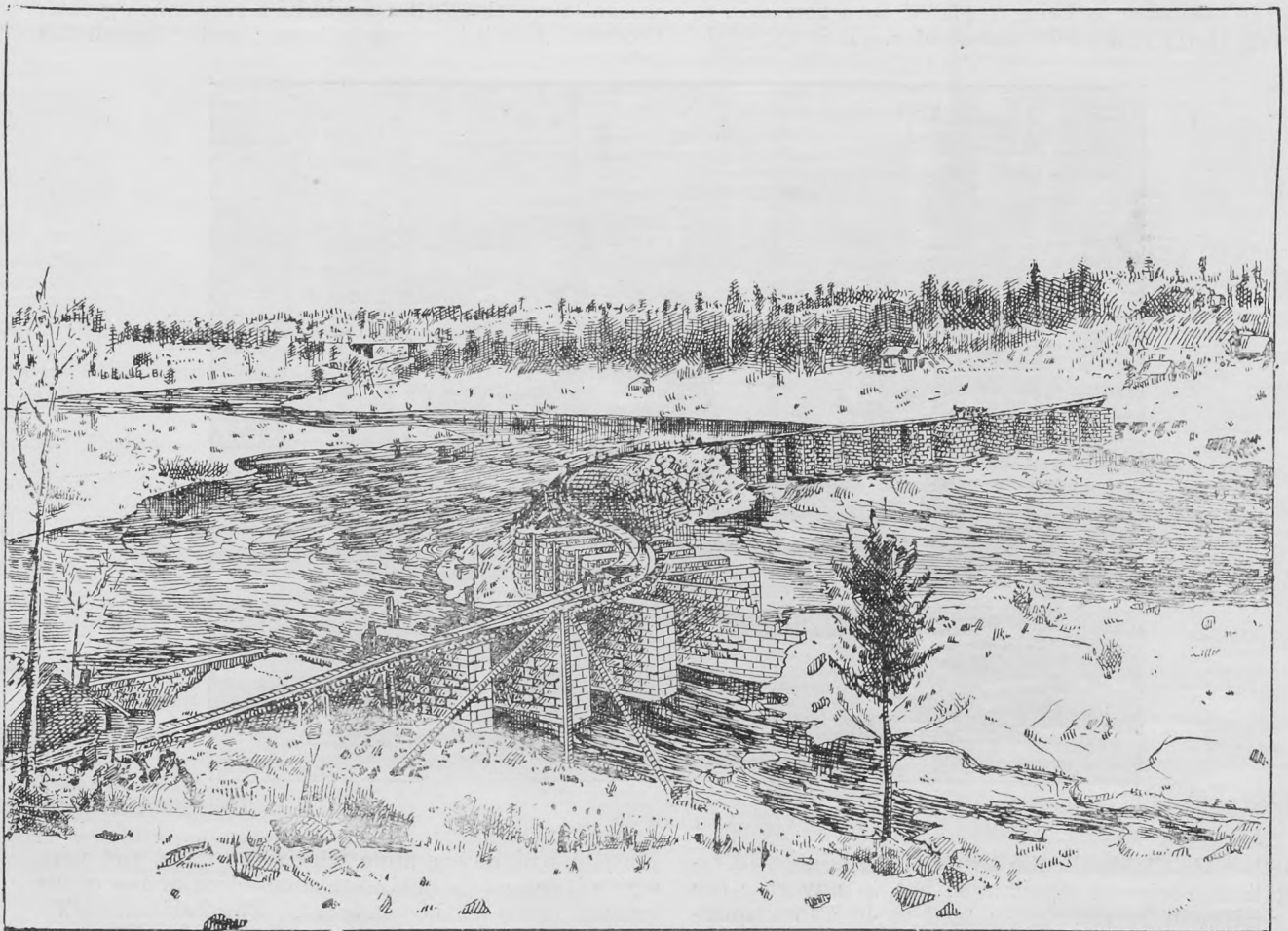
LUMBERING AT LAKE OF THE WOODS

whether Mr. Caldwell, the owner of the mine, will re-install the original ten-stamps, but in any case the new mill will be completely modern in all its equipment, and will have a capacity for producing bullion

Portage will have a mine which is a mine, and with which it can safely challenge comparison of any of the greatest mines on the continent. The Sultana, with a forty-stamp mill running day and night, and enough



KEEWATIN BAY



KEEWATIN POWER COMPANY'S DAM

pay ore in sight to keep it running at its full capacity for two years, is the greatest achievement of the district up to the present, but it is hoped that before long Rat Portagers will be able to aptly make use of the popular saying: "There are others."

The Regina, on White Fish Bay, about forty-five miles south-east of Rat Portage, comes next to the

ings, visitors will find every opportunity for verifying for themselves the correctness of our description.

Other properties within easy reach of Rat Portage are the Golden Gate, the Gold Hill, the Sweden, the Bad Mine, the Norway, the Black Sturgeon, the Abe Lincoln, the Pine Portage, and a few others, on all of which more or less development work has been done.

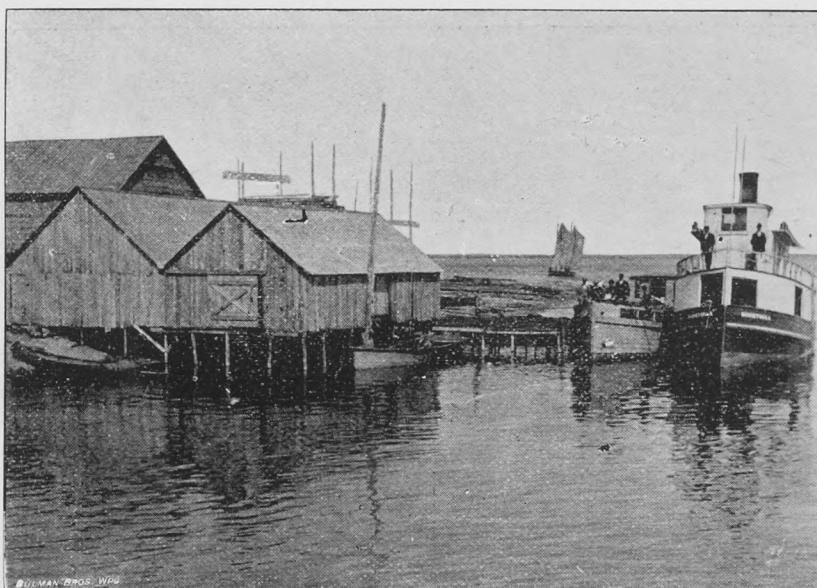


ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, RAT PORTAGE

the Sultana as regards extent of development. The property has a ten-stamp mill at work upon it; but as yet development work is being attended to more than production.

A newer property, and one that visitors will take particular interest in, both because of its wonderful

At a greater distance from the town, and in the famous Shoal Lake region where so much prospecting has been done since last fall, is, first and foremost, the Mikado, on which a 20-stamp mill is now in course of erection, and which has made such a splendid record from the very first shot that was put into it up to the



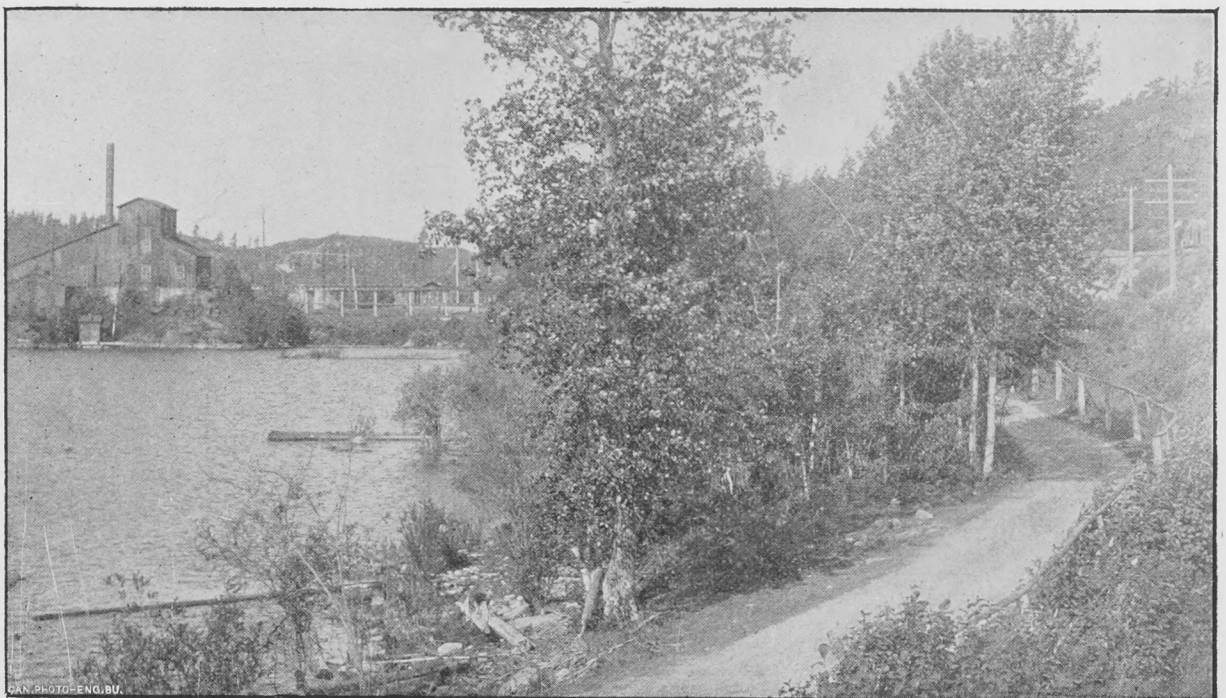
LAKE OF THE WOODS FISHING CRAFT

showing, and because it is so easily reached from the town, being only five miles distant by road, is the Scramble. A full description of this property will be found in the March number of THE COLONIST, and as the proprietors are particularly liberal in the freedom with which they allow anyone to examine the work-

present. Every visitor will have heard of this wonderful property, and the extraordinary results of its first mill test of ore taken from the surface, and consequently they will all probably want to pay a visit to Shoal Lake. In the same rich region they will find the Cornucopia, the Monarch, the Gold Coin, the



PART OF MAIN STREET, RAT PORTAGE



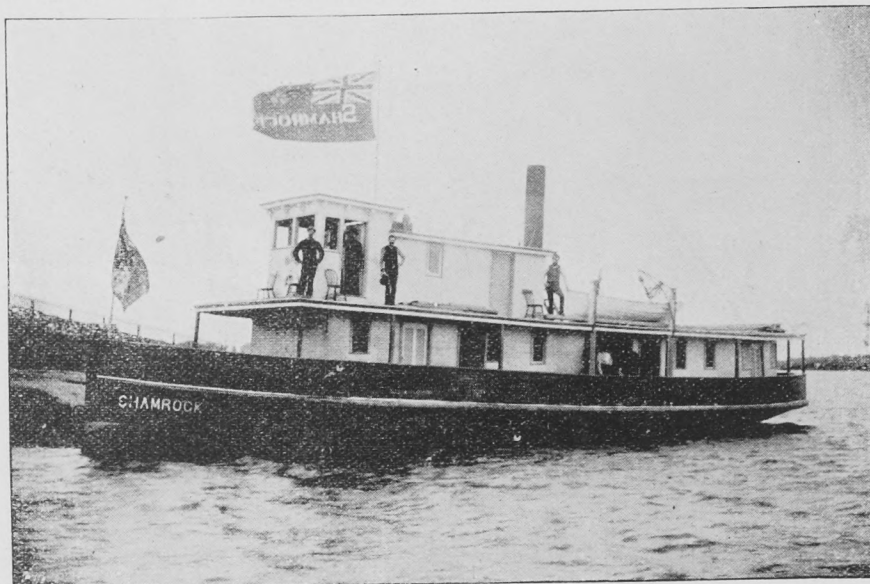
A CHARMING DRIVE NEAR RAT PORTAGE

Yum-Yum, and other properties, all now under active development, and about as promising a group of propositions as they could find anywhere in the world.

In other parts of the Lake of the Woods are the promising mines belonging to the Colcleugh Mining

Company, of which the best known and most developed is the La Mascotte, from which a mill test of 35 tons was recently put through the reduction works at Rat Portage, with very gratifying results. The Master

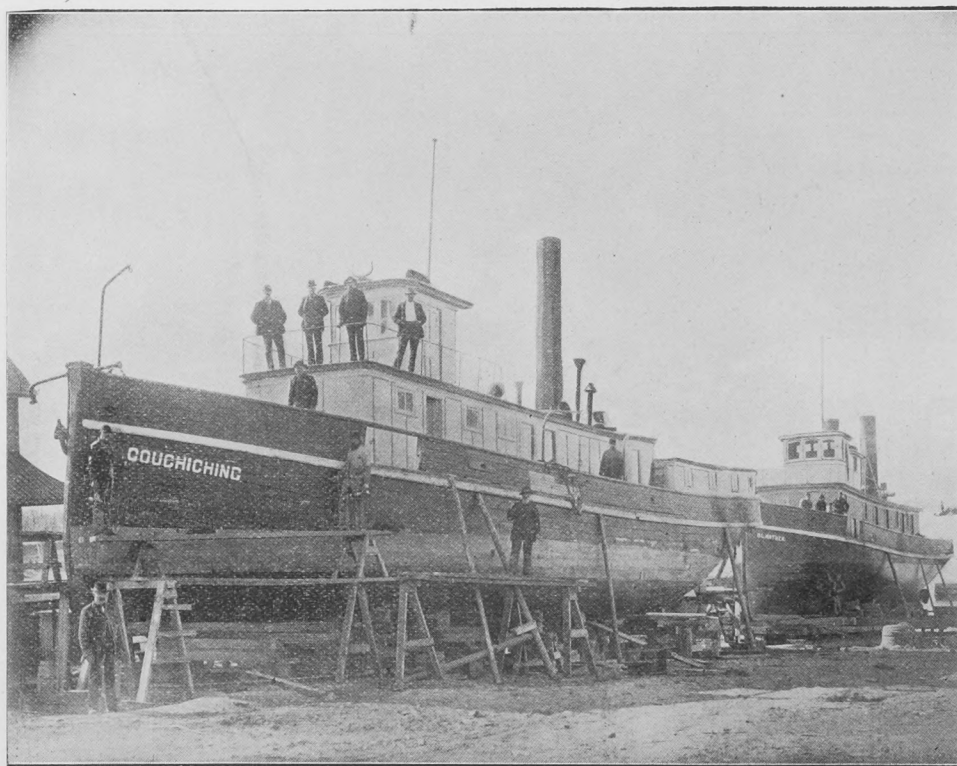
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CAPT. LEWIS' STEAMSHIP "SHAMROCK."

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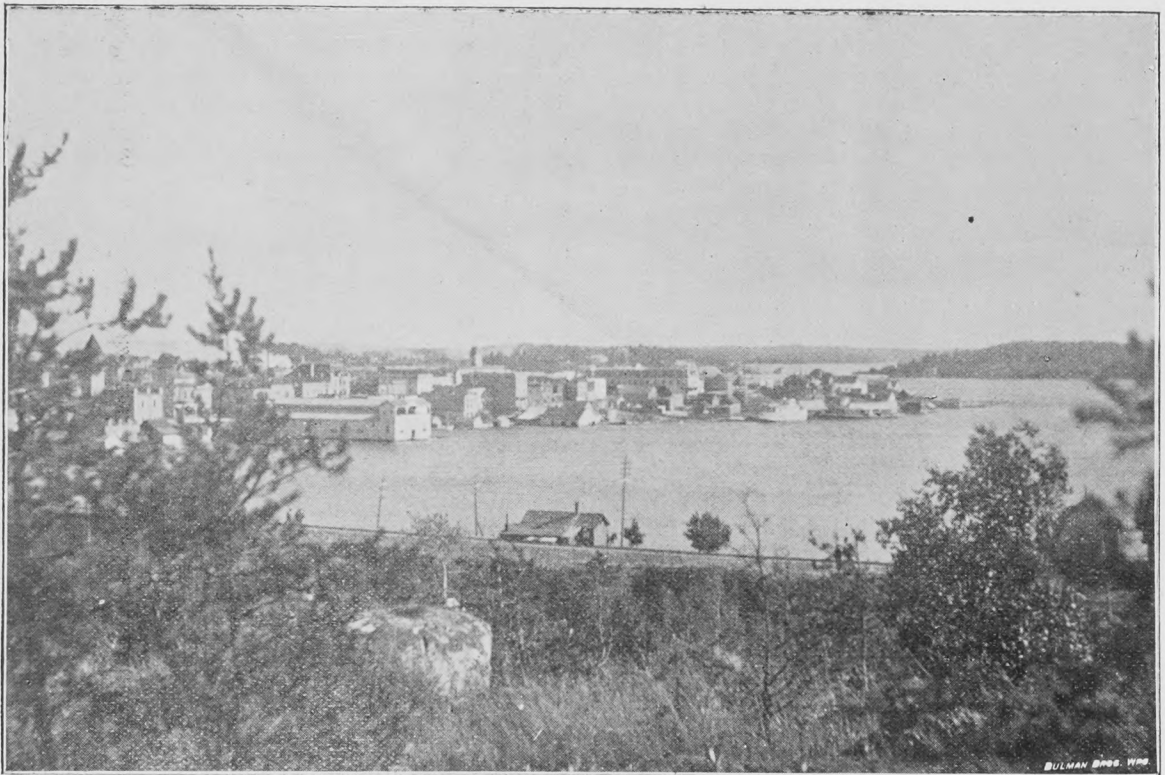
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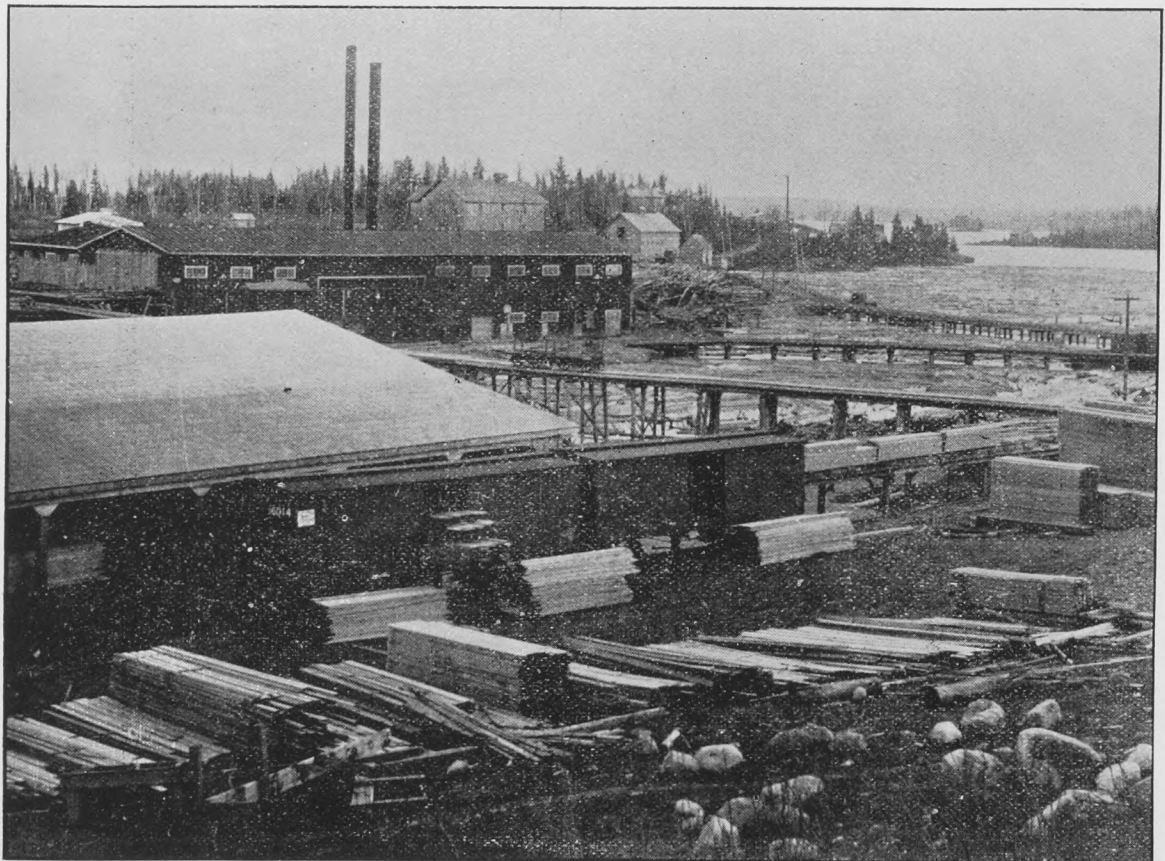
STEAMERS AT G. P. PHILLIPS' SHIPYARD, RAT PORTAGE

Jack is a property now under development by the Bullion Mining Company; and the Lakeside Mining Company are also developing a property on War Eagle Lake. These are some of the best known of the many properties that are now under active develop-

ment in the district, and from this list alone it will be seen that a really considerable amount of work is being done, all within what is known as the Lake of the Woods district. Outside of this district are many important mines and prospects in the Seine River, the



A PEEP AT RAT PORTAGE

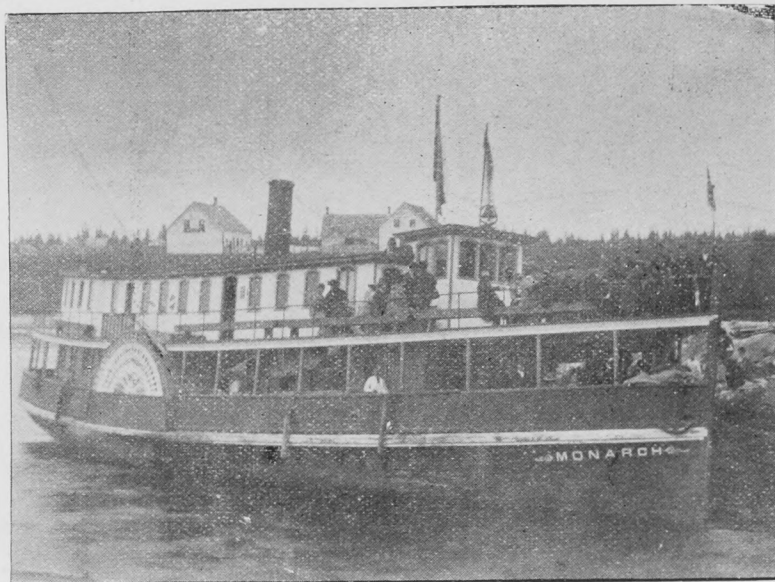


ONE OF THE RAT PORTAGE LUMBER COMPANY'S MILLS

KEEWATIN REDUCTION WORKS.

ONE OF the most considerable enterprises of the present year will be the large reduction works now in course of erection at Keewatin, and which it is hoped will be ready for work by next August. The company who have this enterprise in hand includes among its members men who are

of the establishment will be a fully equipped assay office under efficient management, so that absolutely reliable certificates of value will be obtainable. The mill is to be a customs mill, and every facility will be provided for shipment by rail or lake. A siding will be constructed on the C.P.R., and the Reduction Works Company will themselves provide a fleet of



STEAMER "MONARCH"

accustomed to doing things on a large scale, and perhaps for this reason they determined to do the thing thoroughly whilst they were about it. The result will be a reduction works of the most complete and modern nature in equipment, and of a capacity sufficient to meet all demands that are likely to arise for a considerable period. The works will contain

barges for carrying ore by lake. Altogether the enterprise will be of incalculable service in the development of the district; and every resident will hope that it will be of equal advantage to the broad-minded men who have had the courage to embark upon such an extensive undertaking.



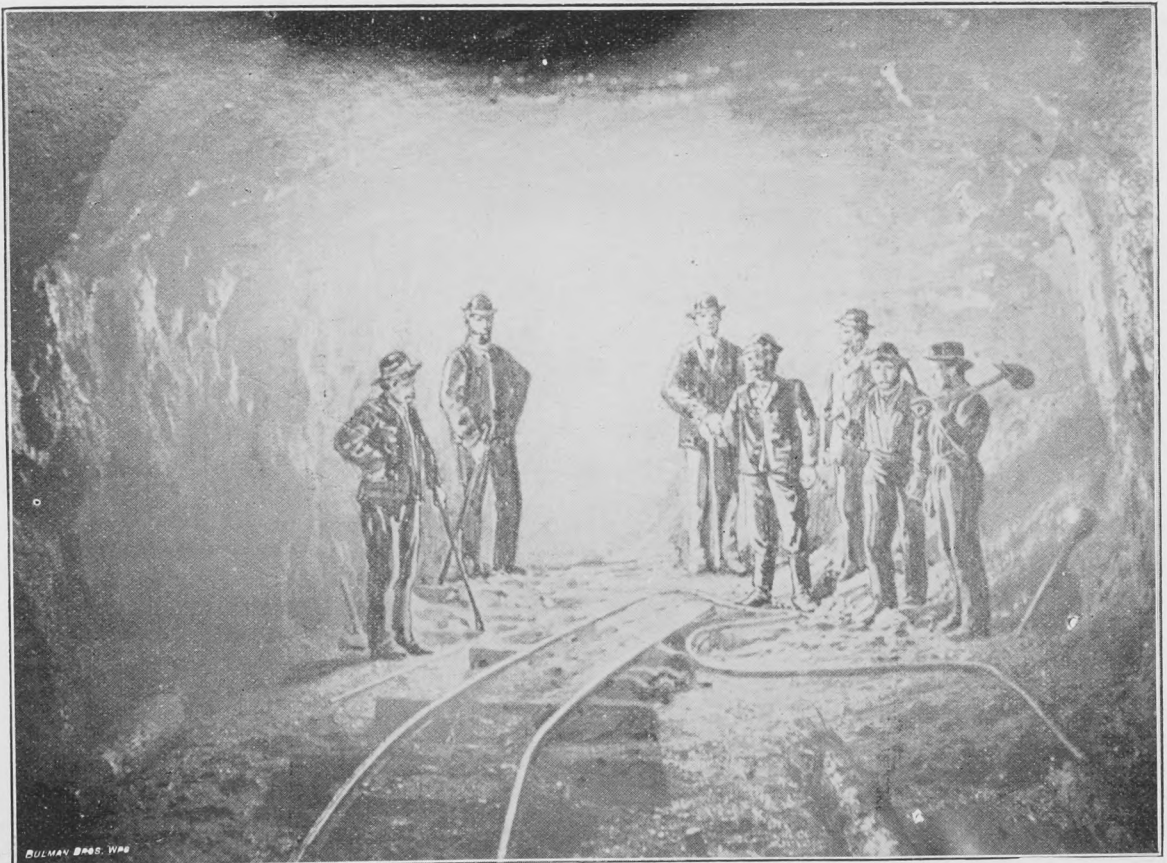
CAPT. LEWIS' STEAMSHIP "SWALLOW."

fifty stamps, with all accessories. It will also contain a large sampling plant, which will give the customer a check on the mill that will be thoroughly reliable and satisfactory to him. There will be also every facility for treating concentrates, and also for the special treatment of high grade ores in such a manner that the whole product will be saved. An important branch

British Columbians are not too much wrapped up in the development of their own mines to be prevented from paying some attention to Western Ontario. Among their prominent miners, Byron White, of the Slocan Star, has already been over the Seine River district, and has signified his intention of returning at once.



GENERAL VIEW OF SULTANA BUILDINGS AT SULTANA MINE



THREE HUNDRED FEET DOWN IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SULTANA

THE GROWTH OF WABIGOON.

THE new town of Wabigoon is rivalling the mushroom in the rapidity of its growth. Where, last winter, there was nothing to indicate the existence of a town but a few "lines" cut out on the ground, and a fairly extensive townsite plat on paper, there is now springing up rapidly a solidly built up Main Street, with hotels, stores, and other business

erection of a second store by Wright Bros., of Rat Portage, who are in the clothing and furnishing business. In March the arrivals included Messrs. Almack & McLennan, as well as Gardner & Co., of Rat Portage. The former, well known throughout the northwestern portions of Manitoba as butchers and cattle buyers, opened up in the same line of business at Wabigoon, and added to it a lumber



KAKABITCHEWAN FALLS, RAT PORTAGE

institutions, as well as side streets, and even residential suburbs. The pioneer settler of this newest of new towns was Mr. Larson, who, until last summer, was practically the only inhabitant of the land that is now occupied by quite a bustling little town. His small residence was the only "stopping place" until quite recently, and during the latter part of last winter was mostly crowded to overflowing with the many visitors

yard. Gardner & Co., who are so well known as large general store-keepers at Rat Portage, had their Wabigoon branch in running order early in March. Meanwhile, Mr. T. A. Kennedy had begun the erection of that most necessary of all institutions in a town like Wabigoon, to wit, a good hotel. By the middle of March, or in less than a month, Mr. Kennedy's thirty room, three storey hotel was ready to receive



CAMPING ON CONEY ISLAND

who were attracted there by the brilliant prospects of the new town. He is now erecting a large and commodious building upon the next lot, which he will also use as a boarding house.

The pioneer store of the town was opened in December last by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron, and for about three months was the only place of business in Wabigoon. Later on Messrs. Astley & Oleson opened a livery stable, and this enterprise was soon succeeded by the

guests, and ever since has been crowded. With the first of April a familiar name was added to the business "directory" of Wabigoon—the name of Davidson & Co., the leading members of which firm will ever be inseparably connected with the opening up of the Manitou mining district. The Davidson Company have, until lately, been associated exclusively with one of the most prosperous towns in Manitoba. Neepawa, where, among so many successful business men,



KEEWATIN LUMBER MILLS



TYPICAL CAMP SCENE ON CONEY ISLAND

they were perhaps the most successful. The attraction of Wabigoon must be very great indeed to draw such men away from a place where they have done so well, and are so firmly established, and the very fact that they are satisfied to make the change should be very flattering to the hopes of all who are interested in the future of the newest of mining camps. Mr. J. A. Davidson is president of the Neepawa Gold Mining Company, whose properties are furthest developed and best known of any in the Manitou.

The next line of business to be represented was the baking and confectionery, Mr. Deacon, of Holland, Man., having had the first bread for sale in the town, towards the end of April. Every kind of food for the body having now been provided for in the town, it was time for a purveyor of food for the mind to step in, and he came in the form of Mr. Lumby, known throughout Manitoba as the editor and proprietor of the Glenboro Gazette. He, like Mr. Davidson, left a particularly prosperous Manitoba town to throw in his lot with the new El Dorado, and on May 12th issued

THE SEINE RIVER DISTRICT.

DR. HOLMES SIMPSON, of Winnipeg, who is well known as being closely associated with mining, in particular in the Seine River district, has just returned from a three weeks' trip there, bringing with him the latest information regarding recent progress in mining. The particular object of his visit was to inspect the Olive property, in which he is interested with the Blackwood Bros., of Winnipeg, the Hon. Geo. E. Foster, of Ottawa, and Mr. Preston, of Mine Centre. This property is fulfilling the most sanguine expectations of those interested in it, and none of the reports regarding its wonderful showing that have from time to time reached Winnipeg have been in the least exaggerated. The main shaft is now down 75 feet, and has had to be temporarily abandoned at this depth on account of the impossibility of getting in hoisting machinery last winter. Work was continued on the property in the form of a second shaft which is now being sunk on the same vein at a distance of about 400 feet east of



VIEW OF PART OF KEEWATIN

No. 1, Vol. 1, of the Wabigoon Star. For a brand-new town, this first number of the first volume of their local paper is a most creditable production. Mr. Lumby left a town of several years' standing, and found that he could start out in his new home—in a town of fewer weeks' age than years of the former—with a paper of the same size, and carrying an equal volume of advertising, as the journal that he had left behind him.

Many other enterprises are under way in this infant town, notably a branch of The Rat Portage Lumber Company, who have an office there under the management of Mr. Brown. Other businesses and business men in the town are: Mr. Spreight, a surveyor; F. H. Sangster, barrister; F. G. Davison, real estate, insurance and mining agent; S. Lawther, watchmaker; Harrison & Carss, brokers; F. A. White, physician; besides many others, making altogether a community in which practically every line of business is now represented. And all this in a couple of months!

the main shaft. In the second shaft the vein is equally as rich as in the first, which indicates that the vein in its entire length is an exceedingly valuable body of ore. The hoisting machinery, and a stamp-mill, will arrive at the property inside of two weeks, and then work will be resumed upon the main shaft. A large clearing has been made on a beautiful site right on the bank of the lake, and a store, boarding house, offices, assay office, store house, powder magazine, and six very complete little houses for the use of men and their families have been erected. Mr. Girvin, of Winnipeg, is now erecting the building for the stamp-mill, and it is expected that the mill will be running within six weeks.

Beside the Olive mine the same people own two and a half miles of the same lead, on which they have a number of men at work stripping and testing. The vein averages three feet in width. The character of the veins in this district is that they are narrow as compared with the veins at the Lake of the Woods,

but they are very high grade, and this vein which crosses the properties belonging to the owners of the Olive is the highest grade yet discovered.

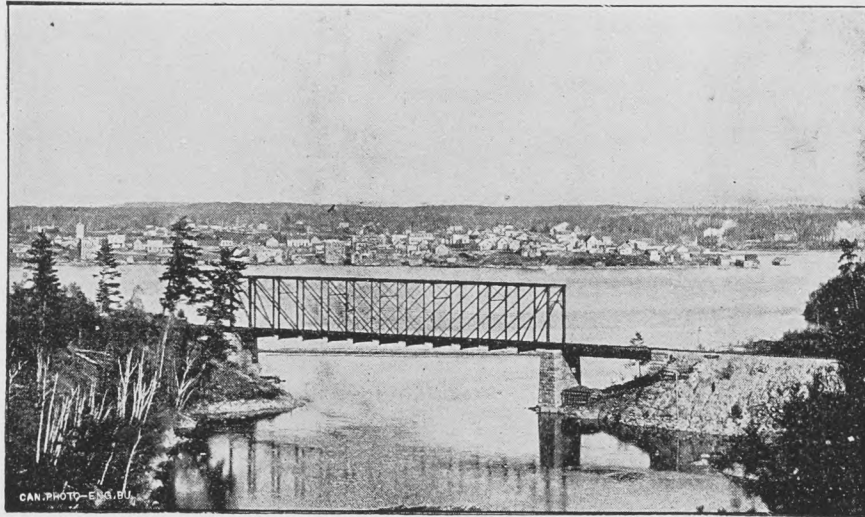
Dr. Holmes Simpson travelled over the whole district during his trip. He visited, of course, the Foley mine, of which so much has been heard of late. The mine is exceptionally well situated on Rainy Lake. There is a 20-stamp mill on the property now running day and night, the mine being, as is well known, the most developed property in the district. There are over a hundred men at work there, and the mine is producing \$1,000 a day in gold bricks. The company intend to increase the plant as rapidly as development work warrants it, and it is confidently expected that within another year they will have 100 stamps in the mill.

Dr. Simpson found the Ferguson closed down owing to the recent unfortunate death of Mr. Ferguson. In conversation with the doctor, Mr. Varty, the superintendent of the mine, stated that when the affairs of the company have been settled in England, operations will be resumed. Just before closing down, a phenomenally rich strike was made at a depth of 200 feet. The doctor was permitted to inspect some of the

will be increased to ten-stamps as soon as the litigation is settled, which is expected to take place this summer.

Irrespective of these mines there are dozens of properties in the district on which the owners, who are the original prospectors, have sunk shafts from 20 to 50 feet, and of these practically nothing is known to the public. This fact makes the district a most desirable one for capitalists to visit, as there are so many properties that they can examine intelligently.

The doctor came in contact with a good many prospectors from the Manitou, and they were all very loud in their praises of a property known as 301 H.P. which is now under active development by a Winnipeg syndicate. This property is generally admitted to be one of the richest in Western Ontario, and it is the furthest developed in the Manitou district. About a 100 feet of development work, in the shape of sinking and drifting, has been done, and the samples which have been taken from it from time to time show the ore body to be marvellously rich. The owners, during the winter, succeeded in getting in their hoisting apparatus and a drilling plant composed of a seven-drill air compressor. A 20-stamp mill will be brought



C. P. R. BRIDGE, RAT PORTAGE

specimens, and he says that he never saw anything like them in his life, although through his connection with the Olive he is comparatively used to exceptionally rich specimens.

The Little American mine, which is the pioneer mine of Rainy Lake, is now running again, and is doing well, notwithstanding the fact that it has been twice condemned by so-called experts. There is a five-stamp mill pounding out gold on the property, and additional stamps will be added shortly.

A gratifying feature of the doctor's trip was that wherever he went he met representatives of American newspapers, which shows that their readers are calling for reliable information about these goldfields. The newspaper men are already being followed by representatives of American capital; and the result to the district will be a large increase before long in the number of working mines.

Among other mines visited by the doctor was the Lucky Coon, a property which has been in litigation for some time. While the mine was under development the ore averaged as high as \$69 to the ton. There is a five-stamp mill on the property, and this

in just as soon as the road will permit, and the building to contain the machinery is now being erected. This will be the first mill in the district; and it is confidently expected that the bricks turned out will prove that the Manitou is equal in richness to the Seine River or the Lake of the Woods districts. The syndicate owning this property is composed of Messrs. J. F. Howard, W. T. Kirby, and a few other Winnipeg men. The property has become popularly known as the "Howard-Kirby Mine."

Messrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe and W. G. Nicholls have opened an office in Rat Portage where they will do a business as mining engineers, and act as agents for several English manufacturers of mining machinery. Mr. Bagshawe has just returned from England, where he succeeded in interesting a good many of the right kind of men in our gold fields.

The final payment on the Montezuma, of Slocan, was made last Thursday week, and an aerial tram from the Lucky Jim to the C. & S. Railway will be begun next week.

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THE COLONIST.

AS foreshadowed in our last issue, THE COLONIST, next month, passes into the hands of a joint-stock company. As far as the general public are concerned, the only reason why this change is of any interest to them is the fact that it will result in the production of a larger and better journal, though, beyond this, there will be no difference in its general policy and character. In the past THE COLONIST has made every effort to worthily represent Western Canada; in the future it will strive in the same direction equally as hard, and probably with better results on account of the greater facilities which a little more capital will afford.

SIR DONALD A. SMITH ON WESTERN CANADA.

THE Royal Colonial Institute is one of the most influential associations in the United Kingdom.

Its membership includes the most eminent and prominent men in the Empire, from H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, who is president, to the last man who has accomplished something new in the way of exploration or travel. The proceedings of this most influential society are followed with interest by residents of every quarter of the vast British Empire; and the journal of the Institute, in which are published all the papers read at the London meetings, is circulated more widely than probably any other publication. Anything bearing upon the advantages of Western Canada that finds its way into these pages must, therefore, be of great service to this country; and we owe Sir Donald A. Smith a debt of gratitude for going to the pains of reading before a recent meeting of the Institute a very valuable and instructive paper on "Western Canada—Before and Since Confederation."

The historical part of the paper was exceedingly interesting, but it is concerning that part that points out the advantages of Western Canada as a field for settlement that we are more directly interested. Every Canadian will feel confident that Sir Donald gave a satisfactory account of these advantages, and we, with his paper now before us, can assure them that their confidence is not misplaced. Everyone who heard his address, as well as those who read it in the journal of the Institute, will obtain a very adequate impression

of the progress that is now taking place in Western Canada, and to a great many of these readers the information will amount almost to a revelation.

Besides instruction Sir Donald also tendered the Institute a valuable piece of advice, and one that all Canadians will heartily endorse. Towards the end of his paper, he said: "In my opinion, it is to the interest, if it is not the duty, of all the Fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute to do what they can to direct emigration so that it may be retained within the British Empire. It is by immigration in the past that the Colonies have made the wonderful progress witnessed during the sixty years' reign of our sovereign. It is the emigration to the Colonies that is making the United Kingdom less dependent year by year upon foreign countries for her food supplies, and it is emigration to the Colonies that has provided such large markets for British products—markets that are astonishing when compared with the trade between the United Kingdom and foreign countries with ten times the population of the self-governing Colonies. It is by encouraging emigration to the British Colonies that you will ensure the expansion of these markets which afford greater possibilities for British trade than those in any other parts of the world. And last, but not least, it is by thus adding to the population of the Colonies that we shall increase their wealth and strength, and be enabled to maintain with their help the position of being the greatest Empire the world has ever seen." This is the true Imperial idea, and, involving as it does for its realization a duty on the part of each member of the Empire—the old and the young—it is agreeable to note that, as far as the Colonial Institute and Canada are concerned, each apparently fully recognizes that duty. The chairman of the meeting at which Sir Donald read his paper, Sir Frederick Young, a Vice-President of the Institute, declared that the promotion of the cause of emigration to the British Colonies was one of the *raison d'être* of the Institute; and as far as Canada is concerned, she has proved that she is anxious that this emigration shall be mutually advantageous by her recent adoption of a preferential trade policy in favor of the Mother Country. If all the Colonies would follow the example of Canada, and every body of men in the United Kingdom who have any influence on colonial matters would adopt the avowed policy of the Institute, not only would the greatest Empire the world has ever seen be "maintained," as Sir Donald Smith assures us, but that Empire would expand in power and wealth to such an extent that even the development of the great Victorian era would be equalled, if not surpassed, by that which will succeed it.

In the discussion that followed the reading of Sir Donald A. Smith's paper, some very gratifying things were said concerning Canada, and some of her institutions. For instance, Mr. Alexander Michie, speaking

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as a traveller, bestowed a great deal of praise upon the C. P. R., and its Pacific steamships. He said: "As to the railway itself, I never heard anything but the highest commendation of it. The management is such that we feel at every turn the eye of a master there providing for the comfort of the travellers."

Mr. K. N. Macfee made some remarks about Manitoba that will be much appreciated in the province. After describing an incident of his visit here in 1885, he continued: "I was at Winnipeg again last year, and was impressed with the fact that Manitoba is a country specially of farmers. . . . I have no hesitation in saying that of all the countries I have been in there is no country which offers great opportunities for acquiring affluence, or at least competence, as the Province of Manitoba. In addition, Manitoba possesses a great gold-mining field, not really in Manitoba, but just on the border. If then you add the resources of Manitoba in mining, cattle, wheat, etc., I think you will agree we have a great and prosperous province, which will compare with any other province under the British flag."

The Hudson's Bay route—that most vital question to Western Canada—also comes in for a share of the discussion, and the general conclusions of opinion seemed to be in favor of its practicability. On this subject, Col. J. Harris spoke at some length, among other things, saying: "We hear a great outcry that England will starve in case of war, and that public granaries ought to be established to hold a certain quantity of wheat. Why, the Northwest Territories is capable of supplying all the wheat England can consume. It can be made not only the granary, but also the larder of England, and can successfully compete with Russia, the United States, and Argentine. It is said Hudson's Bay is a frozen sea. That is not so. It is quite true that floating ice comes down the straits for a certain number of months, but can be navigated for six months of the year—the same as Montreal." That idea of the "larder" of England is a good one, and one that will bring out the point that if the Hudson's Bay route has its disadvantages on account of northern latitude it also has its advantages, for it is *par excellence* the refrigerator route, and for the shipment of dairy products and meat would be unequalled by any route in the world. It is a question involving some calculation, but one that has on the face of it a good deal that would indicate that that calculation would be in favor of the route, whether the money saved in this way would not more than counterbalance the extra expense that might have to be incurred in contending with the ice. If this were a great dairying and meat exporting country, as it should be and will be, the ice of the Hudson's Bay route which has hitherto been looked upon as its great obstacle might turn out to be its special advantage. Stranger things than this have happened in the

history of modern progress, and it is not too much to believe that some day the Hudson's Bay route may turn out to be the greatest factor in the prosperity of Manitoba and the Northwest.

In the meantime it is gratifying to observe from the remarks made by many prominent men at this meeting of the Colonial Institute that Canada has her admirers in the heart of the Empire; and that she may rely upon finding support in the money-market of the world for her most ambitious schemes if she will only give satisfactory evidence that she has genuine confidence in them herself.

THE WANING INDIAN.

BY FRANK W. LONGMORE.

"A few more moons, and there will be
No gathering to the council-tree."

—WHITTIER.

THE Indian is the pet child of nature. His whole life is a school, with nature for principal. He is willing to be led by her through all her multifarious phantasmagoria the whole year round. Every change in her features has a deep meaning for him. How his eye kindles with light, as he sees the spiral course of the sun widen toward the end of March! How thankful he is to get out of his smoky cabin, and press the naked earth once more! With what boisterous sounds he, and his family, greet the perspiring maples, which bestow on them their succulent and profuse delicacy! With what loud and triumphant shouts he hails the warm southern wind, whose tongue licks the ice off the creeks, and the snow off the slopes! Animated with new life his squaw busies herself peeling bark off the surrounding birches; while her young warriors shout with glee, and mock the hoarse cackle of the returning crow. Then, when March, and snow, and ice, have all slid together down the trap-door of time, and April with brush in hand moistens her paint-pots, and puts the first colored tints on the landscape, the whole band, like one happy family, launch their feathery canoes, and float with the current amidstream. Each canoe carries, not only one entire family, but also their household effects, blankets, kettles, rolls of bark, pails, guns, ammunition, are all neatly stowed away in the little craft—and what a carrying capacity has the birch-bark canoe! How she skims the water! How obedient she is to her master's will, obeying his every thought! How reluctantly she comes ashore at the foot of the rapids, as though she were expostulating with her ruling power! How humble she appears as she chafes the overhanging bank! Her mournful creaking seems to say: "Why not breast the bubbles? Water is my home, and white water my delight. Why go ashore? Why taunt me with my former life of inactivity?"

For months before the warm April sun wreaths the earth in smiles, the Indian smiles and ruminates on the great feast that his imagination spreads before him. Sturgeon boiled in a black kettle; sturgeon fried in the midst of thick smoke; sturgeon pierced by a sliver and roasted before the glowing embers; and now his vision has become a reality. He indulges to his heart's content. He knows no care. He is happy—truly happy. If his stomach rebel against over-taxation, the medicine man is close at hand, willing to administer cordials out of his black greasy bottle; and

this medicine, although when analyzed is found to possess no medicinal virtues whatever, rarely fails in producing the desired effect. What faith is here manifested! Who dares to draw the line of its achievements!

Free to roam whatever and whichever way he chooses, the Indian moves from one earthly paradise to another, during the summer. He knows where the best fishing grounds are. When he wearies of fish, he moves into a berry patch; and when the berries lose their novelty he steers his canoe for the rice beds.

No one can visit an old Indian camping ground without being strongly impressed that the Indian is a lover of the beautiful. He is fastidious in this respect. He invariably selects the most romantic and park-like spot for his rendezvous.

While the major portion of the civilized race pities him, and exclaims, "Lo! the poor Indian," I think that the Indian, before the stiff veil of civilization was spread over his copper colored features, was rather a subject for envy. Who can visit the primeval forest, the roaring cascade, or the unbroken solitudes of the wood-encircled lake without being impressed by the beauty, solemnity and grandeur of nature, when unruffled by the hand of the inventor. More true religion premeates my soul when walking under the soft shadows of the towering pines than is possible of instillation from the mouth of the most eloquent orator. Their low crooning, as they swing, and bend, and moan in the breeze infuses a magnetic thrill into every nerve and chord of my body, which I have never experienced under the dome of masonry. Who can visit the thunderous waterfall, as it roars, and foams, and hisses through its rocky environs, without feeling the better for it? If such a one exists he is more to be pitied than the "poor Indian"—a thousand times more.

"There is a pleasure in the pathless woods;
There is a rapture on the lonely shore;
There is society, where none intrudes,
By the deep sea, and music of its roar."

Where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise. 'Tis his growing knowledge that makes the Indian miserable, and he has the white man to thank for it all. The more he knows the poorer and meaner he becomes, in his own estimation. In order to bring him into civilization, and make him a fit member of society, he must fling aside all the happy memories which bound him to the past. The Indian has nothing to begin

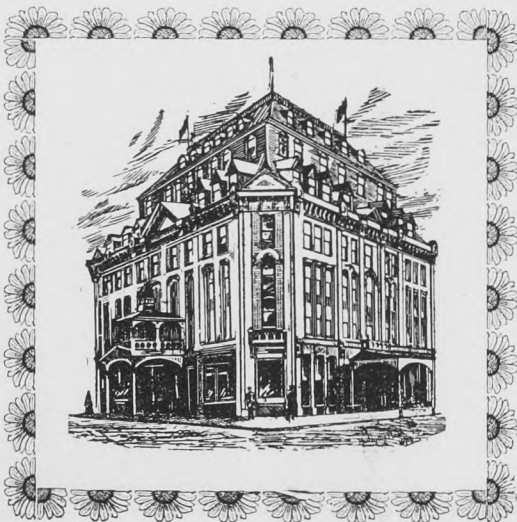
with, and he knows it. Is it any wonder that he chafes at the incongruity which is daily augmenting over his demesnes? Is it any wonder that the corners of his mouth droop, as he waddles in his deerskin moccasins past sky scraping edifices, glaring shop windows, hissing trolley cars, and crowds of well-dressed men and women; while his mind wanders back to the good old times, when the lakes teemed with fish, buffalo blackened the prairies, and the woods swarmed with game.

The Indian is going. A few more decades, and he will be gone. He has built no monument that can endure the ravages of time. His wigwam, his bow, and his bark canoe he will take with him to the grave. He leaves no legacy to his successors. The plow of the white man will eventually blot out the tracks of the moccasin, and the laborer in the happy hunting ground will, ere long, have reaped his last sheaf.

THE NEEPAWA MINE.

THE Neepawa Gold Mining Company are now developing two properties. The first is the well known Neepawa Mine, on K. 28, on the Upper Manitou. On this property the first shaft is down 50 feet, and from that level about 120 feet of drifting has been done. At the bottom of the shaft there is a nice body of quartz, 35 feet wide, running in value from \$11 to \$14 to the ton. The hoisting machinery which is required for mining economically at a greater depth is now at Wabigoon, and while awaiting this, the company sank a second shaft at a spot 25 feet lower down the hill. This is now down to a depth of 25 feet, from which level a drift has been run to meet the drift from the first shaft. The object of this work is to facilitate drainage and ventilation, and when through communication is opened sinking will be continued on the main shaft.

On the second property which the company are now developing, a shaft has been sunk 53 feet. The vein averaged seven feet in width down to a depth of 40 feet, but from that point it widened out very rapidly, and continues widening as far as the work has proceeded. The quartz in this vein is much higher grade than that in the Neepawa Mine, running as high as from \$35 to \$78. The properties are about 12 miles apart. The company intend to erect a stamp mill this year, and the probability is that they will have the first producing mine in the district.



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AN ASSAYING COMPANY.

TH Assaying and Smelting Company of Ontario, Limited, is applying for a charter with the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letter Patent Act. The promoters of the company are all prominent Winnipeg business men, Mr. W. D. Pettigrew, being president; W. S. Grant, vice-president; Walter Jordan, consulting engineer; R. H. Hayward, trustee; Hunter Cooper, treasurer; and Messrs. Munroe & West, solicitors. The company intend to furnish ample means for testing ores of every description, both refractory and non-refractory. Milling, reduction and amalgamating apparatus will be erected of suffi-

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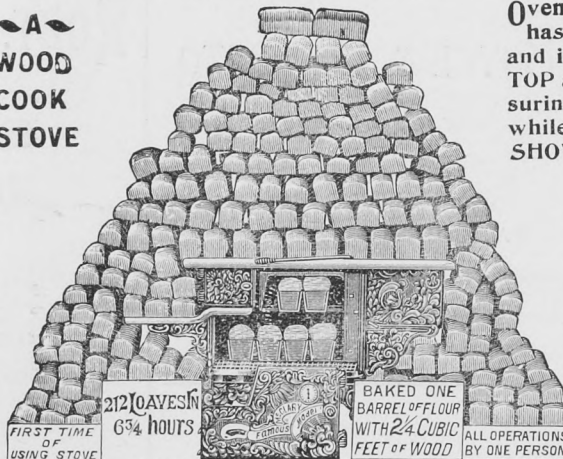


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IS MINING A SAFE INVESTMENT?

By N. C. Westerfield.

Man's pre-conceived ideas or conceptions of facts have ever been the stumbling blocks in the progress of civilization. Onward he gropes along the highways of time, blindly feeling his way through the fogs of old established rules which serve him as a guide, sometimes to fortune, and sometimes to disappointment and misfortune.

Without individual effort there is no progress, the intellect becoming dependent, the old established ideas fail to keep the fires of progress ablaze, the man that was in no more, decay has taken the place of life and growth, he has been the fool and not the master mind.

Dependency has no ancestors; she is the result of ignorance and superstition, and belongs only to the animal kingdom. In the proportion that man has allowed himself to think, and in turn to act upon his thoughts, has he moved onward and upward in the scales of progress, until he no longer requires the guide-posts of antiquity to point out the ways of justice. Wherever ignorance has made a footprint upon the highways of civilization, liberty has been crushed to earth.

Knowledge is the torchlight of civilization.

There is nothing of value to be lost, and much of great value to be gained by accepting facts wherever we find them, and especially so when found in nature.

The importance of the question is not what you think, or what you believe, but what do you know?

Truth is of all things the most radical, because it is the conformity of knowledge with the reality known; in other words, demonstrated facts become the embodiment of science.

"Prejudice is the dead limb on the great tree of progress."

Let us, then, forget, at least for a time, that we are possessed of this malady and consider the following tables of facts with an unbiassed mind. It may mean a turn in the affairs of your life that will strew your pathway with peace and plenty. At all events, do not allow the malady to prevent you from achieving success by using your reason and better judgment.

TO THE MAN WHO EXPECTS A FORTUNE FROM THE SURFACE.

In looking over the annual report of the Homestake Mines, situated in the Black Hills, South Dakota, one is especially impressed with the very careful manner in which every detail has been carried out. The system employed is certainly very commendable, and the officers of the Homestake Mining Company certainly deserve great credit for this very unique system. The smallest disbursement during the fiscal year from June 1st, 1895, to June 1st, 1896, we find was for interest, which was \$8.67. The largest amount was paid out for labor and amounted to \$509,850.92, and includes all the labor from

every department. The next largest disbursement is found to have been paid out to the shareholders in dividends, and amounts to \$375,000, or \$31,250 for every month in the year. Another disbursement, and one, no doubt, that will be very interesting to your readers, is designated under the head of "Candles," and amounts to \$3,629.93—a pretty snug sum for candles. However this purchase of candles may strike your readers, the next disbursement will certainly interest, if it does not actually startle them, and cause them to question the veracity of the writer. What would the Rat Portage miner think of paying \$48,000 for water?

The next disbursement, amounting to \$48,085.63, was actually paid out for water. This will cause the mining men of Western Ontario to take on a self-satisfied smile of large dimensions. Immediately one begins to conjecture as to how deep or how far this water is drawn, and for what purpose used, and many things are suggested to the mind as to the necessity for this great outlay. This information is given in three parts as follows:—

The 100 stamp mill consumed \$26,142.78 worth of water.

The 160 stamp mill consumed \$8,800.00 worth of water.

The 200 stamp mill consumed \$13,142.85 worth of water.

Amounting in all to the enormous sum of \$48,085.63.

Now, to save your readers the trouble of asking the question, I will say the reason the small mill used nearly, or quite, twice as much water as the large mill is that it treated 134,945 tons of the 245,220 tons of ore milled during the year, the 200 stamp mill only treating 65,225 tons, and the 160 stamp mill 45,050 tons.

The total average cost of water per ton amounted to 19½ cents. The total average cost of milling, not including the item of machinery, was a fraction less than 81 cents per ton, the one item of water alone being one-quarter of the entire cost of milling. The total cost of labor for the three mills only amounts to a trifle over 29½ cents per ton, or about one-third more than the cost of water.

If the Homestake mines were located on the Lake of the Woods, where water is as pure and as free as the air one breathes, and allowing the cost of fuel to be no greater, the saving in the expense of water would almost cover their entire expenditure for fuel.

Taking another view of it, we find that the combined total cost of sustaining the assay office, blacksmith shop, foundry and machine shop, amounting to \$47,003.13, do not equal the expenditure for water.

The total average cost of mining, not including the item of machinery, is \$1.70 per ton, and the total average cost of mining and milling combined is \$2.57 per ton.

The average total value of the ore for the year is a fraction over \$4.77 per ton.

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country of any size worth locating without finding one or more small lakes upon it, and, strange as it may seem, yet it is true, that we have only skirted the edges of some of the larger lakes that abound in this country. We practically know little of the interior.

With absolutely all the natural advantages, and the extremely high averages of value, it is hard to think of a country anywhere in the civilized or uncivilized world that will even compare with the goldfields of Ontario. First, the location, nature of ore, cost of treatment and management have more to do with the question of profit and loss than the assay value of the ore itself. For example, the Homestake mine, with an average value of \$4.77 per ton, have paid in dividends the enormous sum of \$6,150,000. The total cost of mining and treatment of ore is \$2.57 per ton, leaving a net profit of about \$2.20. The Alaska-Treadwell, although in operation but a few years, has paid its owners dividends amounting to \$3,100,000. This mine is situated on the eastern side of Douglass Island, on the coast of Alaska. Since 1888 the mine has operated 240 stamps and 96 concentrators, which have milled and concentrated 500 to 700 tons per day, with average values of about \$3.75 per ton. The average total cost of mining, milling, amalgamating, retorting, etc., in 1892, was about \$1.50 per ton, on an average product of 16,000 tons per month.

Differing materially in character of ore deposit, enclosing rocks, situation and product from the mines just mentioned is the Comstock lode, the largest producer the world has yet seen. The products of the mines located on this lode, up to 1881, was, in round numbers, 7,000,000 tons of ore, which yielded bullion to the value of \$306,000,000, with an average value of \$43.86 per ton, with a total average cost of treatment of \$35.71 per ton.

These few facts show how widely different are the cost of mining operations under different conditions.

Each district, and each property in the district, must be considered by itself, and developed in the light of conditions which surround it, independently of what any other mine has accomplished. The main thing to determine in each case is whether the ore body is present or not, and under what conditions, and with what environments.

It is the height of folly for any person to say that the deposits of this district will require expensive methods for the extraction of the precious metals: on the contrary, it will compare favorably with any other locality on earth for cheap mining, cheap milling and cheap extraction.

Mining, strictly speaking, is a manufacturing business, and one of the first steps taken by a manufacturer is to ascertain the cost of production. In other words, what portion of the value is consumed in the operation of manufacture? From this standpoint I would like to make some comparisons with other localities, as against the Lake of the Woods products.

The Sultana mine, Lake of the Woods, needs no introduction to the people of Canada. In a recent issue of the Miner Mr. Hunter, being interviewed, said:—

The Sultana is now paying over 8 per cent. interest on an investment of \$1,500,000. If this statement is correct, and it has not been denied, it will be seen that their ore is running at about \$20 per ton in value; that is to say, they are securing

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this amount. For example, a ten stamp mill handles about 25 tons per day, which would give 650 tons per month, or 7,800 tons per year. Now, as their work is nearly all development, the cost of mining and milling will necessarily be greater. Therefore, allowing \$4 per ton for these items, that would make \$31,200 for cost of production. At \$20 per ton 7,800 tons would be worth \$156,000, less \$31,200 for expenses, would leave \$124,800, or \$14,800 more than 8 per cent interest on \$1,500,000.

From the standpoint of a manufacturer it is easily understood how it would be possible for the Sultana mine to treat her products for much less, probably one-half, when treating from 5,000 to 10,000 tons per month. The same superintendent, foreman, engineer, book-keeper, mine captain and head amalgamator that are now employed in handling 650 tons per month will cost no more to handle ten times the number of tons. Therefore, I feel perfectly safe in claiming that this district will treat her products at a cost not to exceed \$2 per ton for mining, milling, amalgamating and retorting. From this basis let us see how we stand with the world:

	Value.	Treatment.	Profit.
Sultana	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$18.00
Alaska	3.75	1.50	2.25
Homestake	4.77	2.57	2.20
Comstock	43.86	35.71	8.15

What proportion of value has been consumed in the operation?

The Comstock has consumed 80 per cent. of the total value of her product.

The Homestake has consumed 54 per cent. of the total value of her product.

The Alaska has consumed 40 per cent. of the total value of her product.

The Sultana has consumed 10 per cent. of the total value of her product.

It will be plainly seen that at the present moment, even at \$4 per ton for treatment, the Sultana mine is only consuming 20 per cent. of the total value of her products.

The writer would like to state that these figures, estimates and statistics are approximately correct.

The Alaska-Treadwell mines may be doing closer work at this writing, but should they treat their ore at \$1 per ton, still the Lake of the Woods would have the advantage of from 20 to 40 per cent.

Necessity has ever been the mother of invention. The low grade propositions throughout the broad lands of our domain have lain for generations, ever calling upon genius to invent some machine or process whereby they could give up their wealth to man. So nearly has genius answered the call that to-day the most marvellous results are being obtained. In the State of California there is one of these lowest of low grade propositions actually returning a profit from 65 cent ore.

The Spanish mine, Washington township, Nevada Co., California, has been making a most remarkable record in the matter of cheap mining and milling. According to the terms of the lease all proceeds must be applied to the payment, pro rata, of the preferred claims against the mine. Mr. F. W. Bradley, the superintendent, has, therefore, to make a monthly statement under oath and it is from these statements that we have taken the figures published.

However low the cost of milling and mining and the grade of ore in previous months, the record of November is still

more startling. The idea of making any profit at all on rock only worth 65 cents per ton will surprise miners everywhere. Yet this was done in November. Moreover, a large amount of rock was crushed—not a mere sample lot, but over 4,000 tons, a "working test" that amounts to something. The record for November is as follows:—

MINE.

Thirty days' work produced 4,047 tons of ore.

Cost of Production.	Total.
Extracting ore	\$876.28
Delivering ore to mill	206.94
Dead work	115.25
General expense	74.45

Total	\$1,273.92
Cost per ton	31 4-10c.
Twenty-nine days' work reduced 4,047 tons of ore.	

MILL.

Cost of Reduction.	Total.
Mill expense	\$388.49
Water for power	203.00
Handling ore	179.40
General expense	75.46

Total	\$846.35
Cost per ton	20 8-10c.
Bullion produced	\$2,644.57
Total expenses	2,120.27

Profit	\$524 30
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This shows the ore to have worked only a trifle over 65 cents per ton. The cost of mining and milling combined was about 52 cents per ton. In working this large amount of ore a net profit of only 13 cents per ton was made, the total being \$524.30 on 4,047 tons of ore. The mine is worked under exceptionally favorable circumstances, and the ore is easily reduced; but it is surprising to know that under any conditions a profit, however small, can be made out of such very low-grade rock. Water power is used to drive the four Huntington mills, but has to be paid for. Miners who own claims of low-grade ore ought to feel encouraged at reading of these results.

When the Lake of the Woods mineral products are exploited in a similar manner, then mining will become honorable and legitimate in the eyes of conservative people. Therefore, I would advise everyone to enter the arena of mining as they would any other manufacturing business, use good common sense, look well to details that the cost of manufacturing gold does not exceed the values contained in the deposits, and when this has been accomplished the problem "Is mining a safe investment?" is solved.

Serious prairie fires are reported from the neighborhood of Battleford. In some places the fire jumped the Battle river, and several settlers have had their buildings burned.

British Columbia miners are to send the Queen an immense gold brick as a diamond jubilee offering; and Australia is to send 5,000 bullocks and 2,000 sheep to form part of the jubilee dinner which the Prince of Wales is to give the poor of London. Could not Manitoba and Western Ontario send something equally suggestive of their productiveness? How would a few carloads of Manitoba's famous flour go with the Australian beef at the jubilee dinner? Western Ontario might vary the feast with a snack of caviare.

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THE TOWER ROUTE TO THE SEINE RIVER GOLD FIELDS.

The Minnesota & Ontario Transportation company expects to file articles of incorporation in a few days. The amount of capital stock of the corporation will be \$50,000, and, as is generally known, the purpose of the company will be to establish a transportation line between Tower and the Seine river gold fields. The company will be authorized to do business as soon as \$2,500 of its capital shall be subscribed for. The capital stock will be divided into 2,000 shares of the par value of \$25 each. The limit of indebtedness will be \$1,000.

Business men of Duluth have been much interested in any plans proposed for the bettering of the facilities for transportation between this city and the gold fields, for it is realized that the amount of business that may accrue to the city will be very great. Reports from Canada are to the effect that the Canadian government is keenly interested in the development of roads and other means of improving the facilities for getting into the gold fields from that part of the country, and it is believed in Duluth that if Minnesota is to get her share of the traffic and general business of the gold section, active steps must be taken, and taken promptly.—Duluth News-Tribune.

NEW PLACER MINING REGULATIONS.

The regulations governing placer mining along the North Saskatchewan river were published in the Canada Gazette for April 24. The following are the main conditions under which claims, or "bar diggings," may be taken up and worked. A "bar digging" is defined as a strip of land 100 feet along high water mark, and thence extending into the river to the lowest water level. "Bench claims" shall be 100 feet along high water mark, and shall extend forward to low water mark and back to the bank of the valley. Provided, however, that if the distance from high water mark to the bank of the valley exceeds 1,000 feet the length of the claim shall be confined to that number of feet. Entries may be obtained as follows: To work "bar diggings," payment of a fee of \$1 to the agent of Dominion lands and the obtaining of a Free Miner's Certificate. A "bench claim" shall be recorded with the agent of Dominion lands within three days after location thereof, if it is within ten miles of the agent's office. One extra day shall be allowed for making such record for every additional ten miles, or fraction thereof. An entry fee of \$5 shall be charged, and the entry will be good for one year.

Every claim shall be represented and worked by the holder thereof, or by some person on his behalf, continuously, as nearly as practicable during working hours, and shall be deemed to be abandoned and absolutely forfeited when it shall remain unworked on working days for a period of 72 hours, except during the close season, lay-over or leave of absence, or during sickness, or for some other reasonable cause which shall be shown to the satisfaction of the land agent. If not worked satisfactorily to the Dominion land agent, he shall have power to cancel the entry.

Miners holding two or four adjoining claims may, for the purpose of operating them by steam power, combine and work

one of the claims, and the work thereon shall be sufficient to hold the remainder, subject to the bona fide working of the claim in the manner already provided by these regulations. Provided that an agreement between the parties concerned is filed with the agent of the Dominion lands and his consent to the agreement is obtained. The agreement shall provide that the owner of each location, or his representative, shall be employed in the work performed upon the claims. Provided also that the agent of Dominion lands shall be furnished from time to time with such particulars as he may require in relation to the operation of the claims.

When claims are to be operated by steam power the agent may give a period of sixty days from the date of recording the claim, to place machinery on the ground and to commence operations.

Every miner shall be entitled to the use of so much of the water naturally flowing through or past his claim, and not already lawfully appropriated, as shall, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Mines, be necessary for the due working thereof; and shall be entitled to drain his own claim free of charge.

If the land upon which a "bench claim" has been located is not the property of the Crown, it will be necessary for the person who applies for entry to furnish proof that he has acquired from the owner of the land the surface rights before entry can be granted.

If the occupier of the lands has not received a patent therefor, the purchase money of the surface rights must be paid to the Crown, and a patent of the surface rights will issue to the party who acquired the mining rights. The money so collected will either be refunded to the occupier of the land, when he is entitled to a patent therefor, or will be credited to him on account of payment of land.

A lease for five years may be granted to dredge the bed of the river below low water mark for a distance not exceeding five miles upon such terms as His Excellency the Governor-in-Council may designate. Provided that any person who may receive entry under these regulations shall be entitled to run tailings into the river at any point thereon, also to mine two feet below the surface of the water at low water mark by putting in wing-dams, whether he shall locate before or after the date of such lease.

THE LONDON MARKET.

The mining market in London continues dull. The war cloud is still assigned as the leading cause, but there are many other contributory reasons for the expectation of a particularly dull season in mines in the London market.

Under these circumstances nothing like enthusiasm is to be expected, but, nevertheless, British Columbia is attracting some attention. The financial papers are beginning to devote considerable space to the consideration of British Columbia's mineral resources, and occasionally even Western Ontario, which is as yet practically unknown in London, comes in for a mention or two.

Of the 29 men of the Mounted Police now drilling for the jubilee trip, 15 are Canadians, 7 Englishmen, 3 Scotchman, 3 Irishmen, and one a Dane. After a month's drill 25 will be selected for the trip.

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THE YUKON.

T. M. O'Brien, of Forty-Mile City, in the Yukon district, has recently visited Eastern Canada, and has supplied the press with a great deal of reliable information regarding that remote region. He is a prosperous merchant, who has had many years' experience in that country, and he is therefore an authority on the subject. Regarding the route to and from the Yukon, he says that he left Forty-Mile City in February last, and came up the Yukon to the Chilkat Pass, a distance of about 600 miles, with a dog team. The pass is through the coast range of mountains, from Lake Lindesan, the head waters of one branch of the Yukon, to the head of Dyer Inlet, a distance of 33 miles, the elevation of the summit of the pass being 4,000 feet above the level of the sea, which naturally makes a very steep climb. To Dyer Inlet steamers run direct from Seattle, by way of Juneau, Alaska, and during the last couple of months have been crowded by the rush to the new gold mines of the Yukon. Not less than 4,000 people are now at some point on the Portage, awaiting the opening of Lake Lindeman this month, to proceed down the Yukon to the gold fields. At Lake Lindeman row boats are built, and in these miners and prospectors go down stream to the gold fields. The new strike, which is causing great excitement, is on small tributaries of the Klondike River, which empties into the Yukon about 50 miles southeast of Forty-Mile City, or Fort Cudahay, which is some miles east of the Alaskan boundary, and is in Canadian territory. The rich discovery was made in August last, on Bonanza Creek and Hunker Creek, the first of which empties into the Klondike about two miles above its mouth. The diggings on the Klondike are coarse gold, and run from \$2 to \$8 to the pan. The bed rock and pay gravel are not more than 20 feet below the surface at deepest, and in many places can be sluiced all down to the pay. The gold bearing area of this locality is upwards of a hundred miles in length. Since the strike was made there has been, of course, a rush from other diggings in the vicinity of Forty-Mile City, and of Circle City, which is about 250 miles down the Yukon, and in Alaska. As high as \$20,000 cash has been paid for a 500-foot claim on Bonanza Creek, and many claims have changed hands at prices approximating this figure.

In this region the ground is frozen all the year round to an unknown depth, and the season during which the bars are thawed out sufficiently to work profitably with the rocker is short, consequently, as long as mining was confined to the surface it was not very profitable. But of later years deep diggings have been preferred to the open bars, as they can be worked at all seasons. The frozen ground is thawed out by a fire a few feet at a time, and then shovelled out with ease. The main body of the earth remaining frozen, no timbering is required, and no water comes into the mine. Since this system has been adopted a number of very considerable fortunes have been made, and miners have gone out with \$20,000 to \$40,000 as a result of two or three seasons' work. Until the Klondike was struck, the Yukon was remarkable rather for the vast areas over which gold was distributed, and for its equal distribution within these areas than for there being any great quantity in a particular

mine; but, unless the reports regarding the Klondike are exaggerated, this region will surpass the Cariboo in actual output, as the ground is nearly as rich, and the area immensely greater and more easily worked. Considering the remote situation, supplies are not out of the way in price. During summer flour is sold at \$8 a sack; bacon, 35 cents a pound; beans, 10 cents a pound; butter, 30 cents a pound; sugar, 20 cents a pound, and canned stuff, 50 cents for two-pound cans. Beef has hitherto been almost unknown, but it is now being introduced into the country.

Navigation on the Yukon opens about May 25th, and closes about October 20th, and the river navigation is superb.

Northern Alberta is the nearest agricultural region to the Yukon, and should be its base of supplies, though at present, the route into the country being in the hands of Americans, all the agricultural produce required there is taken from Oregon and Washington.

MINING NOTES.

An international convention of gold miners is to be held in Denver, Col., on June 15 and 16 next. It is proposed to have in connection with it exhibits of gold ores, and a mineral display. Canadian miners have been invited to attend, and a number of representatives are expected from the Kootenay.

Gold discoveries are reported from near Duluth. The Duluth Tribune says that a Mr. D. V. Scott, of Thompson, Minn., declares he has washed from \$2 to \$15 worth of gold from a pan of sand and clay. He also reports the existence of veins carrying from \$2 to \$12 to the ton. The indications appear to be worth investigating.

From January 1 to May 1, inclusive, the shipments of ore from mines at Rossland to smelters were as follows:—

Mine.	Tons.
Le Roi	13,939
War Eagle	3,766
Columbia and Kootenay	455
Iron Mask	1,049
Jumbo	91
Josie	126
Cliff	61
Red Mountain	56
O. K.*	172
Evening Star	21
Giant	29
I. X. L.	12

Total 19,770

*Concentrates.

From January 14 to May 1, inclusive, the ore milled in the camp was as follows:

Mine.	Tons.
O. K.	1,956

Mr. L. W. Partridge, president of the Scramble Mining Company, in conjunction with a number of Rat Portagers, is taking steps to have a new road opened up eastward from the town to join the government road that leads into the important group of mining properties around Rossland. The Ontario government has appropriated \$600 for the work, and the town council has granted \$200 towards that part that is within the municipal boundaries. As the owners of properties which the road will cross are willing to give right of way free, and a great



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The Le Roi company have decided to erect a 300-ton smelter for the use of their mine.

Barney Barnato is a name to conjure with. He is now reported to be sending an expert to Rossland—last year it was Rat Portage. Perhaps the wish is father to the thought.

MORE GOLD BRICKS.

The Journal is advised that ten more gold bricks, the result of 18 days' run of the Foley mill, were taken to Duluth last week and handed to J. C. Foley. If they will average the same size as others taken down, from \$1,500 to \$1,750 each, which is very likely, it will be seen that there was a nice little product. It also looks as though the prediction made by Gen. Foley to the Journal man that the mine would clean up all outlays, upwards of \$250,000, and give the owners a net profit of \$50,000 this year, is in a fair way of being realized. This constant procession of bricks will have its effect, and other men will be encouraged to "Go in to win," as was the case with J. C. Foley, the gold king of the Seine river country. Mr. Foley will not return until navigation opens. In the meantime he will go to Chicago, New York, Montreal and other eastern cities with the bricks and give the people on the outside tangible evidence of the capabilities of these wonderfully rich new gold fields.—Rainy Lake Journal.

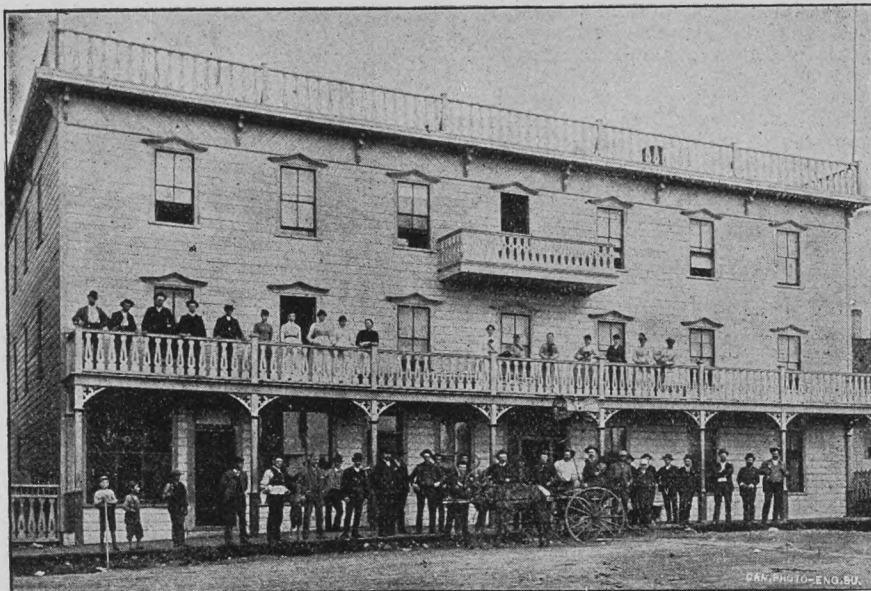
SUCCESS IN MANITOBA.

As an example of the possibilities of farming in Manitoba, the following account of the achievements of Mr. David Munroe, of Eden, on the famous Beautiful Plains, will be encouraging to those who contemplate making this province their home. We are indebted to the Neepawa Press for the following facts in connection with Mr. Munroe's career in Manitoba:—

Mr. Munroe's signal success in establishing in the public mind the adaptability of Manitoba for mixed farming is recognized on all sides; and his experience here should be an encouragement to every settler, present and prospective. He came here without means eight years ago from Auburn, New York State, where, with his wife and young family (himself a miller and farmer), he found the struggle of life beset with so many natural and artificial obstructions as to discourage the stoutest heart. Hence a determination was arrived at to try the new West. By providential guidance, no doubt, Mr. Munroe and family found their way to Manitoba, and, being attracted to the Northwestern district by such suggestive names as Palestine, Jordan, Goshen, Eden, etc., they at length settled down in that fertile, well watered, well wooded and sheltered spot at the eastern base of the Riding Mountains named Eden, and which has proved to be a veritable garden to any and all who have located there and been diligent and frugal. During his first few years on the farm, Mr. Munroe, with a family of small children about him, was seriously handicapped but never discouraged. The disadvantages of pioneer life were more than counterbalanced by the

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pleasant satisfaction of having a homestead and contemplating the prosperity sure to follow. In those days the ambition of every new settler was to be a bonanza wheat farmer, and Mr. Munroe, like the rest, increased his acreage year after year, until he had the greater part of his section of land under crop. No disappointment was ever met with as regards yield and quality of grain, but the gradual decline in the prices of cereals without a corresponding reduction in the cost of production soon convinced Mr. Munroe, as well as the majority of Manitoba farmers, that in order to make farming in Manitoba a success, cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and poultry had to be utilized to convert the grain into more valuable commodities. A change of methods was accordingly made and with marvellously successful results. But Mr. Munroe's stock and dairy are noted more for their quality than their extent. His herd includes some fifty milking cows, mostly Holstein and Ayrshire grades and thoroughbreds, and their product has sold at the highest prices on the Winnipeg market. By careful selection and good management they have made a grand record—their butter yield running from 220 to 400 pounds each, producing a revenue of \$50 each all round, exclusive of the calves. It is no wonder Mr. Munroe is proud of his herd. Since devoting more attention to mixed farming, Mr. Munroe has curtailed his grain operations, yet last year he reaped 200 acres of wheat and 70 of oats, besides cutting 200 tons of prairie hay for his stock. Conducting operations on such a large scale necessarily involves much labor and expense; but, so also are the aggregate profits large. Having attained the success he has, it seems unwise for Mr. Munroe to make a change; and having demonstrated the advantages of mixed farming, it looks odd that he should adopt the specialty of dairying. But Mr. Munroe attributes his success due almost entirely to the dairy herd, and he means to stick to them and let the boys look after the grain. What grain he raises in his new location will be altogether for feeding purposes.

Mr. Munroe is an enthusiastic Manitoban, and for the best of reasons, too. The bracing atmosphere gives him health and strength; the public school system has given free education to his large family; the productive soil has yielded bountifully in return for scientific tilling; and his dairy herd has freed him from anxiety as to the price of wheat. What Mr. Munroe has done any intelligent and industrious man can do in this province. Hundreds of others are doing so in a more modest manner. The vacant prairies hereabouts afford the opportunities for hundreds more to come and follow his example.

The allusions made to a change contemplated by Mr. Munroe refer to his intention to remove to Silver Heights, near Winnipeg, where he is about to transfer his herd, and go into the dairy business on the most modern and scientific principles.

The sixth annual report of the Calgary hospital shows that 204 patients were treated during the year, the average stay per patient being 17.7 days. The total cost of maintenance was \$4,248.53, the cost per patient per day being \$1.17 3-5.

NEW LAND REGULATIONS.

The Dominion Lands Act has been amended by two acts, containing the following important changes:—

Any person claiming a patent under a homestead entry, or under a homestead and pre-emption entry, shall be entitled thereto upon proving, to the satisfaction of the Minister or of the Commissioner of Dominion Lands or of the Dominion Lands Board,—

(a.) That he has resided upon the quarter section which was the subject of his entry for three years prior to his application for a patent;

(b.) That within the first of the three years and in each of the two succeeding years he has cultivated not less than one acre for garden purposes;

(c.) That he has fenced sufficient land to be considered a bona fide settler;

(d.) That he has fifty head of stock;

(e.) That he has erected stables and outhouses sufficient to winter fifty head of cattle.

This amendment is one that has been long desired by a large class of settlers, more particularly in the Territories, who are engaged in raising stock, and to whom the necessity of plowing and cropping fifteen acres of land was practically a waste of time and an unnecessary expense. The change will be much appreciated by this class of settlers, and will, moreover, encourage a branch of industry that is far more suitable than the raising of grain to many parts of the Northwest.

As regards second homesteads, the following amendments have been made this year:—

Notwithstanding anything in the Dominion Lands Act, if a settler has obtained a homestead patent after three years' residence, or a certificate countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands or a member of the Dominion Lands Board, as mentioned in clause forty-two of the said act, he may obtain a second homestead entry, or his son, over eighteen years of age, may obtain a homestead entry, provided that it is for land which is not more than five miles distant from the settler's first homestead.

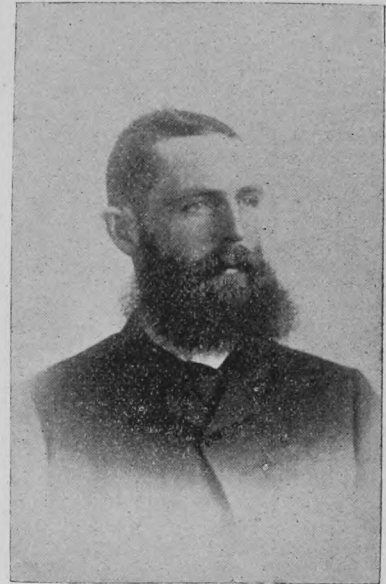
Such second homestead entry, or such homestead entry by a settler's son, and the patent which may be obtained thereunder, shall be subject to the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act with regard to homesteads, except that the requirements as to residence shall be sufficiently complied with by residence upon the settler's first homestead, reckoned in the manner provided by the said act.

The Edmonton Bulletin reports that early in April the rush of miners and prospectors to the Saskatchewan diggings had begun. Claims were being staked all along the banks, and from the high river bank directly behind the business part of Edmonton, innumerable stakes could be seen far up and down the river. Assays have been made, and wonderful stories of the results, ranging from \$300 to \$15,000 of gold to the ton, are being circulated. Every other man in Edmonton now has a bag of black sand and a magnifying glass in his pocket, which he will produce on the slightest provocation, with the interrogations, "What do you think of that? How's that for a sample? See it sparkle!"

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To carry out this matchless memorial of the noblest queen of any country or age, it is proposed to raise an endowment fund of as nearly a million dollars as possible, which, properly invested, is considered sufficient to ensure revenue to make the benefaction a permanent one for all the needy districts of Canada. As the members of the provisional committee confess, "a million dollars is a great sum to raise," but as they justly argue, "If the people of Canada can be fully informed, and thereby awakened to the greatness and goodness of the movement, a million dollars will be forthcoming for the commemoration of the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty by such a means as will cause gratitude to flow continually in the hearts of the people of Canada towards the memory of Victoria the Good and her representatives and subjects in Canada who promoted this order."

What with Indian famine funds, and other things, a great many calls have been made recently upon the purses of the charitably disposed people of Canada, but if the people of this section of the Empire want to give expression to their deep-seated sense of loyalty, and their admiration of our great and good sovereign, while at one and the same time they earn the lasting gratitude of innumerable of the more unfortunate of their own fellow-countrymen, there is no means by which they could do all these things so effectually as by contributing to this fund. It is after all a good rule, and one that in appeals for distant sufferers is too often overlooked, that "charity begins at home;" and when in conjunction with this most essential form of charity is this splendid opportunity for the display of loyalty to the best and greatest of sovereigns who ever sat on a throne, it is not too much to expect that the people of Canada should be able to provide even as large a sum as one million dollars.

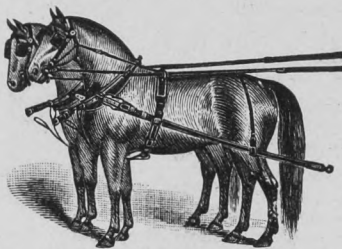
A provisional committee has been formed, with Lady Aberdeen as president, and they have issued an announcement from which the following extracts are

more particularly applicable to the needs of this province:—

The urgent need that exists, in the outlying districts of all the provinces and in all the cities of the Dominion, for thoroughly trained, practical women, available as nurses to those who are not rich, seems to be admitted by everybody; and there appears to be an almost unanimous opinion that no better national scheme could be devised for commemorating the diamond jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Victoria than the establishment on a permanent basis of a Victorian Order of Nurses.

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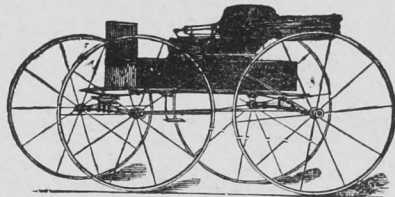
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An' them wot has to stay;
The Lord deal gentle with them," Whoop,
We're off back home to-day!

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Our love for her to show.
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An' all wot has to stay,
The Lord deal gentle with them—Whoop,
We're off back home to-day.
—Jubilee Jim, in Deloraine Times.

The English papers express great admiration for the generosity of the Canadian people in raising a fund of \$200,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the famine in India. This expression of admiration is mingled with one of surprise that a comparatively small population, such as that of Canada, could spare such a large sum of money for so distant an object. They remark, truly, that it speaks volumes for the material welfare of Canada, which in common with the rest of the world has been passing through a period of depression, and nevertheless can raise such a magnificent contribution to a fund which could appeal to Canadians only on the most purely impersonal grounds.

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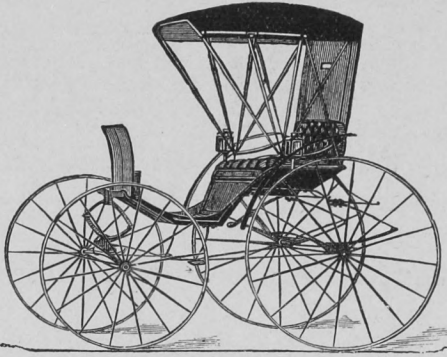
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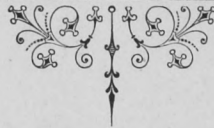
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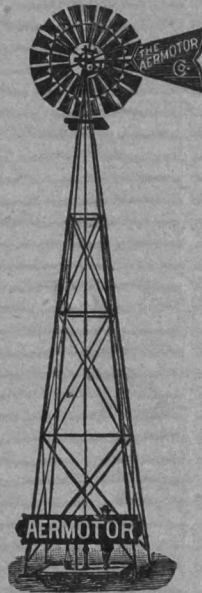
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